

## Cicero Riot Lady Missing From Home

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CHICAGO. — (AP) — Mrs. Camille De Rose, white owner of the building in Cicero, Ill., that caused a race riot two years ago, has been reported missing from her home at the Chelsea hotel on Chicago's north side.

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Mrs. De Rose had been living under the name of Camille Ames for her own safety because of many threats against her life. Her action in renting an apartment to a Negro family in the all-white suburb of Cicero caused the white people to mob and destroy her building.



## 20 ALCATRAZ INMATES STAGE 2-DAY RACE RIOT

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SAN FRANCISCO, May 2—Twenty tough, newly arrived inmates of Alcatraz prison in San Francisco Bay rioted Wednesday and Thursday, setting fires in their cells and corridors, it was disclosed today.

Warden Edwin B. Swope said the cause of the riot was "race prejudice."

The men who rioted were among a group of thirty-nine who had been transferred here from Federal penitentiaries at Leavenworth and Atlanta recently. The rioters objected to being placed in cells in the main cell block that were opposite or adjacent to those occupied by Negro convicts.

"They demanded the right to be permitted to select their own cells," Mr. Swope declared. "They challenged the authorities of the institution and created a disturbance," he added.

The riot broke out Wednesday morning. The men began screaming and scraping metals cups on

the bars of their cells. Some of them set fire to magazines and hurled them into the corridors.

The men were moved from the main cell block late Wednesday afternoon into a "special treatment" cell block. The disturbance continued there on Thursday but ended yesterday.



# Bare Inside Story Of New 'Cicero'

By L. F. PALMER, JR.

What's the story behind the latest racial disturbance in Chicago — the Trumbull park homes violence?

What's it like for a man, his wife and two children to be prisoners of a raging hate mob for two weeks?

Here, from the beginning to the climax, is the story that put Donald Howard and his family in the same headlines that spotlighted Harvey E. Clarke, jr. and his family when hoodlums took over in the widely publicized Cicero "riot" in 1951.

Donald Howard, 24; his wife, Betty, 22; and their children, Cynthia, 4, and Donald, jr., 2, wanted an apartment of their own. They were living with Mrs. Howard's grandmother, Mrs. Mary Milline, at 9337 S. Parkway and had been searching for years for a place to call their own.

**APPLY AT CHA**

When private agents proved to be either non-existent or too expensive for Howard's income from postal work, they applied for a public housing project at the Chicago housing authority's central office about the first of the year.

They got nowhere fast and when, circling around the city, they noticed a vacancy at Trumbull park homes, 108th and Bensley, Mrs. Howard made application at the project office.

What Mrs. Howard didn't know was that Trumbull, Lathrop, Bridgeport and Lawndale homes are in a special classification created by the Chicago Housing authority — all white.

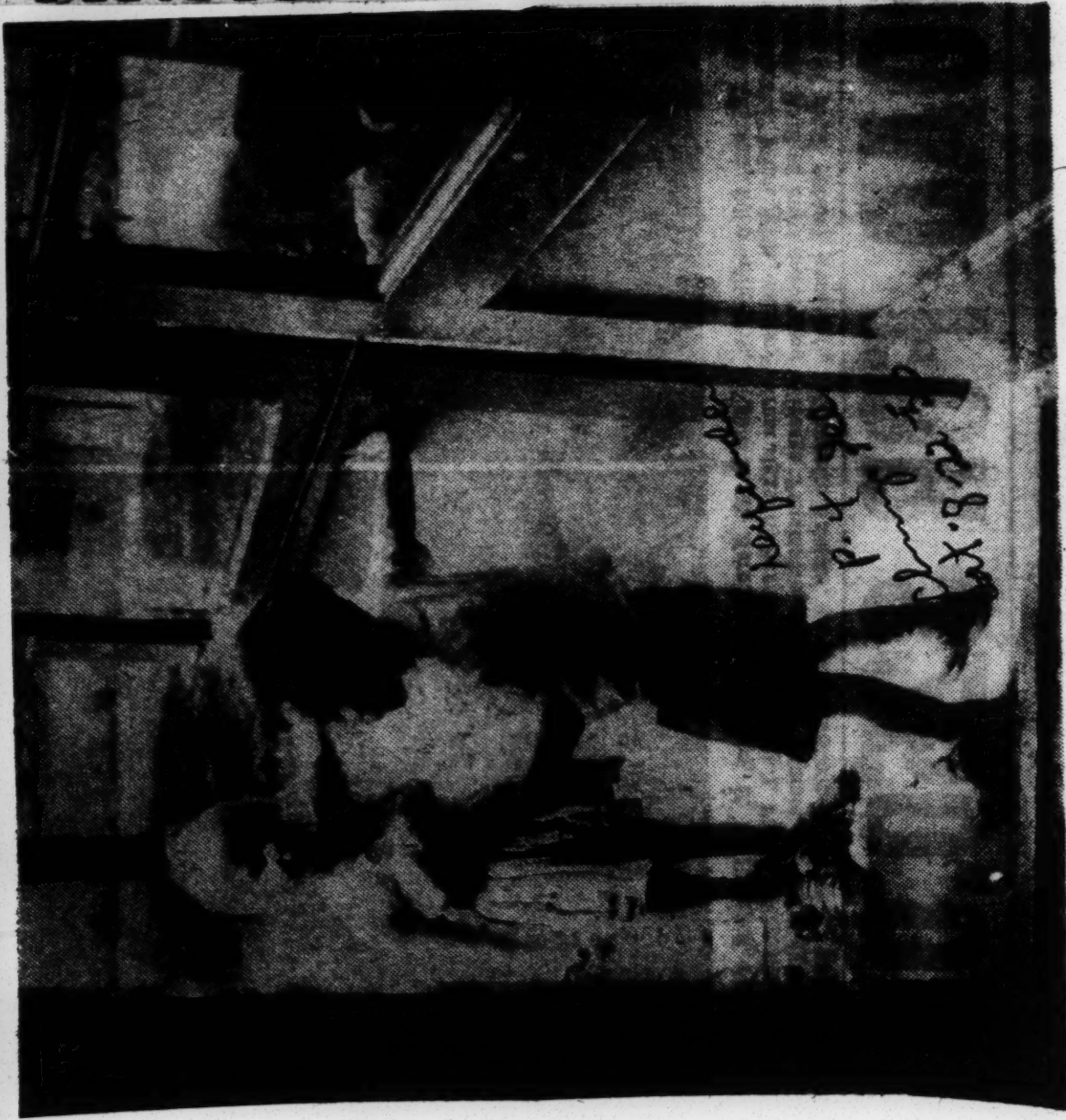
What May Tellingator, aide to the manager of Trumbull homes, didn't know when she OK'd the Howard application was that the Howards are Negroes. Mrs. Howard is a light-skinned woman and could be mistaken for white.

**GOOD BEGINNING**

So the Howards moved into Trumbull park homes on July 30. Some neighborhood kids helped them move in. They went about their business with absolutely no trouble.

The Howards noticed lots of Mexicans, Puerto Ricans and other persons actually darker than they. Their kids played with the neighbors' kids. Howard, who is obviously a Negro, chatted with Trumbull park residents and there was no hint of resentment.

Meanwhile, Housing authority officials awakened to the fact that there may be a Negro in Trumbull park. An investigation revealed that this was true.



**AND A LITTLE CHILD** . . . Completely unaware of the significance of the mob violence which gripped Trumbull park in Chicago, little Donald Howard, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Howard, who were under attack by a race-mad mob for almost two weeks, invites a playmate from the neighborhood into his home. As a Defender re-

porter talked to the Howards about the violence, Donald, Jr., and his sister, Cynthia, 4, played in the back yard with their white neighbor's children. Only a few feet away were several policemen assigned to protect the project's first Negro tenants.



**150 POLICEMEN**, working around the clock in three shifts, were needed to bring law and order to Trumbull park area after the Howards moved in. Squad car and patrol wagon stand at 108th and Torrence where thugs nightly attacked Ne-

gro motorists, smashing their autos with huge bricks and injuring at least a score. Note men at left. Protests have been made that police "fraternized" with mob and "looked the other way" until police brass moved in.





**MORE POLICEMEN** like these were placed in a ring which circled the troubled area. Not until five days after the violence broke out did officials announce that the situation was under control. Crowds taunted policemen, calling them "nigger lovers" and shouting for them to go home. Howard described the efficiency of the officers as only "fair". Defender photos by Tony Rhoden.

According to Howard, Edward the apartment in which Mr. and Greenhaldt, manager of Trumbull Mrs. Howard were sleeping. homes and Racine court, visited This was the signal for a siege him and welcomed him to the on Trumbull park's only Negro project. Howard quoted Green-tenants which kept them virtual haldt as saying, "I understand prisoners of a storming hate mob you and your wife are Negroes." for almost two weeks.

#### SIGNAL FOR VIOLENCE

The next night, Wednesday, August 5, — 6 days after moving not knowing whether more bricks in — a huge paving brick crash were coming or sulphur bombs ed through the living room of which gassed the house with a



**IN FRONT OF** Howard's damaged home, police stand guard. Windows in the apartment were smashed and sulphur bombs were thrown into the apartment almost setting it on fire. For almost two weeks the Howards left their apartment only when driven out to purchase food at a store across the street. Mrs. Howard made the trips for supplies because she is light skinned and could pass for white. Trumbull park homes aides OK'd application because they thought the family was white.

foul smell and almost set the apartment on fire. Or deal explosives which they feared but, thankfully, did not experience.

With all windows barricaded, the Howards settled down for lonely, dreary days and nights, cut off from the outside world with only their telephone to link them with family and friends.

#### HURL BRICKS

At first two officers were assigned to the front of Howard's apartment and two to the rear. As word spread of the clash, mobs numbering into the thousands descended on the area, shouting, hurling epithets and bricks.

Reinforcements were called in and by Sunday the situation was so critical Police Commissioner Timothy O'Connor visited the scene and Plan Five was instituted to disperse the unruly crowd.

Plan Five is Chicago's most urgent emergency operation which utilizes all possible police strength.

Hoodlums descended from all sections of Chicago and in Howard's words, "the place looked like Soldier Field on the Fourth of July."

#### KIDS IN CLOSET

Mr. and Mrs. Howard kept their children in a closet when violence broke out. They huddled against a wall, hearts racing. The closest they came to injury was when a brick smashed through the room in which the children slept.

Cynthia and Donald, jr., were sprayed with glass but unhurt.

Police officers threw a ring around the housing project and routed all traffic around Trumbull homes. Thugs at 106th and Torrence attacked Negro motorists, injuring at least a score. More than 50 persons have been arrested.

Lawlessness reigned for six days, mainly, Howard said, "because the cops didn't do anything

to stop the hoodlums unless there was a captain or some other police brass around."

#### 750 POLICEMEN

It was not until August 11, Howard said, before he and his family had anything that resembled a "peaceful sleep." By this time, 750 policemen, working three shifts around the clock, had subdued the racist mobs.

But even then, the Howards, who had ventured outside only on a few occasions to buy food from a store across the street, needed police escorts to leave the premises. And they needed orders from Police Commissioner O'Connor.

How do the Howards feel about this display of violence?

"I am bitter," Mrs. Howard said. "I am very bitter toward the majority of white people. I used to be very broadminded. I tried to judge people as people. But now, well, I just didn't think this was possible."

#### LOST 10-15 POUNDS

Her husband, who said he had lost 10-15 pounds during the ordeal, said: "I've been around and I know you can't trust people but so far. Sure, I'm bitter, too. But we are going to stick right here until they put us out."

The kids? They have no idea of what is going on. They were frightened during the violence, Mrs. Howard said, but they have been just fine, otherwise.

As a matter of fact, as this reporter talked with the Howards, in the back yard, teeming with police officers, Cynthia and Donald, jr., played happily with neighbor children whose parents were out of sight.



# 750 Cops Hold Off Mob in Chicago

## 600 stone police in housing riot

CHICAGO—A mob of more than fifteen hundred persons was dispersed here last week as 750 police were required to quell this city's latest outbreak of racial violence. In the meantime the Chicago Housing Authority requested the FBI to investigate the outbreak which resulted from the discovery that Donald Howard, 24, his wife, and two small children, who recently occupied an apartment in the Trumbull Park project, are Negroes.

More than forty-one persons, including fifteen juveniles, have been arrested since the first wave of racial violence occurred. The violence continued all through the week . . . more than five persons were injured by missiles thrown at the automobiles of Negroes driving pass the area and an apartment house was set on fire.

The irony of the situation is that neither Howard nor his wife could be immediately identified as Negroes. The couple's application was accepted for the project when the clerk thought Mrs. Howard, who made the application, was white.

The couple moved into the project on July 30, the first Negro family to lease an apartment in the project in the fourteen years of its existence.

It was not until Aug. 5, that other tenants discovered that the Howards are Negroes. Mr. Howard is a mail clerk; Mrs. Howard, a telephone operator.

Violence followed thereafter. Approximately seven hundred and fifty policemen, 250 working each of three shifts, are still on hand to prevent further incidents and possible bloodshed. They have blocked off the entire area, keeping out all but residents. For a resident to enter the area, he must present credentials substantiating that he lives in the project.

Damages have been estimated at \$900.

The FBI was asked to investigate the disorders on the grounds that Federal property had been destroyed.

Made evident through preliminary investigations was the fact that when the project was first opened, it was agreed that it would retain the same complexion as existed in the neighborhood—white.

The depth of the project violence, on the other hand, resulted in Howard quitting his job for fear he would be "beaten up" if he returned to work. His wife also stayed away from her job.

Howard emphasized that he is determined to stay in the project with his family.

## 750 Police In Chicago Riot Area

Special to the Herald Tribune

CHICAGO, Aug. 11.—One-tenth of Chicago's police force has been ordered to squelch potential racial rioting at the Trumbull Park Homes, a Fed-

eral housing project on the southern edge of the city.

Rioting broke out two nights ago after the first Negro family moved into the all-white project. Police Commissioner Timothy O'Connor closed down all the saloons in the neighborhood and directed police to set up street barricades in a four-block area.

### 750 Police on Duty

Seven hundred and fifty policemen, 250 on each eight-hour shift, went on duty as roving white mobs, estimated at 1,000, stoned windows, cursed

office here because Trumbull Homes is a Federally-owned project, one of three in Chicago. Title to the other seventeen in the city is held by the State of Illinois.

and jeered at the police patrol. Twelve persons to handle the crowds, he would order 1,000 in action, or "any other number it takes." The Federal Bureau of Investigation sent agents to the riot scene at the request of the Public Housing Administration field Commissioner O'Connor, said if the 750 police weren't enough

### At Least Five Hurt

During the rioting at least five persons were hurt. Among the injured were a Negro couple and their three-year-old granddaughter, who were cut by flying glass when a brick crashed through the windshield of their car. They told police they had been riding by, unaware of the rioting.

While bands of young toughs roamed through the crowds throwing lighted torches into the project grounds, the Negro family which had moved in last week at huddled together in their flat, now and then peeping from behind the curtains of the windows.

### War II Veteran

The family is made up of Donald Howard, twenty-five, World War II veteran who works as a substitute mail carrier; his wife, Betty, twenty-two; their four-year-old daughter, and two-and-a-half-year-old son.

Officials of the Chicago Housing Authority said they ordinarily do not move a single Negro family into a project where all the other tenants are white.

A spokesman said: "What we usually do is to move in several colored families at a time, for safety's sake. But in this case we didn't know the Howard family was colored. Mrs. Howard, who appears to be white, applied, and we accepted the application because the family was highly eligible. We have a non-discrimination policy, but we don't want a single family to take the burden of racial prejudice. As far as Mr. Howard is concerned, he and his family can stay, and he has indicated he intended to stay."

Trumbull Homes is at 106th St. and Bensley Ave., two miles west of the South Chicago steel district and manufacturing region.

CHICAGO — Smoldering tension burst into open violence here Thursday night, after the Chicago Housing Authority announced that it was ending segregation in all of its housing projects.

Scene of the disturbance was the Trumbull Park Homes, where a series of fires, believed to be of incendiary origin, were set, and an unruly mob of 600 persons stoned police.

The project was the site of a narrowly averted race riot Aug. 10, when 3,000 persons milled about to protest the moving of Donald Howard, a postal clerk, and his family, as the first colored tenants in the project.

### Under Guard

Since that time the project has been under a heavy police guard and there have been no attempts to damage the project itself.

The announcement that segregation would end in the four Chicago projects previously reserved for white tenants only, was made after a two-hour secret meeting of the housing group.

That same night, violence erupted at the Trumbull project, when a series of fires broke out. The worse of the fires gutted the interior of a nearby bar, which had reportedly served drinks to colored patrons. Damage was set at \$15,000.

### Paint Store Involved

An adjoining paint store was also damaged. Earlier, firemen had been called out to a large brush fire in the area, and again to a small wooded shack which had been set afire.

While the firemen were still trying to extinguish the blazes, the crowd began to pelt the 250 police on guard at the project with stones.

Six persons were taken to a nearby hospital for treatment, along with two policemen, one of whom had been bitten.

### Eight Arrested

Eight persons were arrested for disorderly conduct. Six were freed in \$25 bond for a hearing next Tuesday and two teen-age boys were released.

While the violence was confined to the Trumbull project, housing officials have asked for police protection when the first colored families begin to move into the other three projects.

They have also announced that any tenant who riots in protest, will be evicted.



# 750 Chicago Cops Used To Guard It's Hate Mob Vs. Cops, Not Negro Family In All-White Project Race Vs. Race In Trumbull

More than 750 Chicago policeman were being used last weekend to seal off an area around Trumbull Park Homes, a public housing project, which had been the target of roving hate mobs of hoodlums protesting the presence of the first Negro family to live in the development.

After 10 days during which vandals mobs overturned cars hurled bricks at passerby, defied cops, set fires and kept the family sealed in their apartment, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Howard and their two children were determined to sack it out.

During the height of the disturbances, persons, many from distant sections of the city, were taken into custody and more than a score of others were injured.

## MISTAKEN FOR WHITE

The Howard family moved into the project last July 30, after a clerk mistook Mrs. Howard for white and approved her bid for tenancy.

It was not until Aug. 5 that residents of the all-white neighborhood learned that the Howards are Negroes. The violence followed immediately.

Damage to the project has not yet been estimated. However, windows in several apartments have been smashed, brickwork damaged and fire set to a vacant apartment of which there are nine in Trumbull park. One has been taken over as a command post for police.

Most of the persons injured were struck by bricks as they passed through the vicinity, particularly at 106th and 103rd and Torrence.

Negroes driving through the area were attacked by bands of hoodlums who threw huge stones and house bricks. Men coming from work, out-of-towners driving toward the heart of the city, and others were injured.

Coming from the Ford plant where they are employed, Tunis Catchen, 5818 Prairie, and William Grayson, 5813 Calumet, were attacked by bands of brick throwing thugs.

Driving from Flint, Mich., with



THE HOWARD FAMILY

the John Kay family, 9130 Wash-ash, four persons were injured in the same manner. Mrs. MasLean LaCour, Mrs. Ivory Kay, Roberta K. LeRoy and Vera Lee Cox were struck by bricks and flying glass.

Several persons reported damage to the autos.

Howard, his wife and two children, have been virtual prisoners since the disturbances began. Mrs. Howard, who does not look like a Negro, has been out of the apartment several times for food and other supplies.

Her husband and the children,

however, have remained inside. Howard told the Defender that he intends to stay on in Trumbull park. He said the clashes began with "mostly kids" participating.

The Chicago Commission on Human Relations has been working in close cooperation with the police in seeking an end to the disturbance.

The three housing commissioners now in office were unavailable to the press for comment.

John Yancey was recently transferred to Washington by the union

CHICAGO, Ill. —

The racial disturbance at Trumbull park homes is similar in nature to the widely publicized Cicero "riots" of July, 1951.

Actually neither can be classified as a race riot. Webster's New International Dictionary, Unabridged, defines a riot as:

"A tumultuous disturbance of the peace by three or more persons assembled together of their own authority with an intent mutually to assist one another against any one who shall oppose them in the execution of some enterprise of a private nature and afterwards actually executing the same in a violent and turbulent manner to the terror of the people, and this whether the act intended be of itself lawful or unlawful."

In Cicero there was no opposition to the mob. Harvey Clarke and his family sought to move in but they were thwarted. They did not fight back. Any opposition demonstrated was that of police who sought to restrain the crowd.

The same is true of the current Trumbull park disturbances. Donald Howard and his family have been virtually sealed in their apartment and have offered absolutely no opposition. Again the only resistance the mob ran into was that of police officers.

Actually; the lack of effective opposition on the part of officers of the law has been charged widely by observers at the scene of both the Cicero and Trumbull park incidents.

Cicero police were accused of aiding hoodlum elements who broke into the Clarke apartment and smashed walls, ceilings and fixtures, and threw furnishings out of the window.

Chicago police have been accused of "fraternizing" with members of the howling crowds and refusing to take initiative in dispersing the mob.

A race riot can best be illustrat-

## Park

ed by the clashes in Chicago in 1919 when whites and Negroes physically opposed each other. Several persons were killed and injured.

## FBI probing housing riot; bombs seized

Violence flares into third night as hoodlums prowl

CHICAGO — The FBI, last Wednesday, began a preliminary examination of the race riot at a Federal housing project begun the previous Sunday after seven "Japanese mortar bombs" were confiscated from members of an unruly crowd and 30 persons were arrested, Tuesday night.

The Chicago crime laboratory began tests on the bombs taken from the crowd to determine how deadly they were.

Some 750 policemen have been working in three shifts trying to keep order at the Trumbull Park housing project since Sunday night when the first crowd of 3,000 persons assembled to protest the movement of the family of Donald Howard into the previously "all-white" project.

## U.S. Property Damaged

The FBI entered the case as a Federal matter after A. F. Muench, regional attorney for the Public Housing Authority, informed the bureau that the mob had done \$700 worth of damage to government property.

A six-man police detail guarded the lives of Howard, a

Meanwhile Mayor Martin Kennelly has been asked to denounce publicly the mob action following the storming of the project. Roy Wilkins, NAACP administrator called upon the mayor to announce publicly that "no mob action will be tolerated against peaceful citizens seeking homes" in the City of Chicago.

Mr. Wilkins' telegram to the mayor, dated Aug. 12, followed Mayor Kennelly's unbroken si-

Police Harassed A deputy police commissioner said that unidentified persons have tried to draw policemen from their posts in the neighborhood with "phony" alarms. He also reported other brick-throwing in the area.

"Anything that has to be done to preserve law and order will be done," he said.

Bombs Foot Long Observers who had remained at the scene of the disorder Tuesday night, reported on Wednesday that the situation seemed to be under control. All taverns in the neighborhood were closed after five colored steel workers were cut by flying "mortal bombs" confiscated Tuesday night were turnip-



lence while for five days the mob of angry whites milled around the Trumbull Park project.

*After American*  
The NAACP, Mr. Wilkins told Mayor Kennelly, "commends action of the police department in providing protection to the Howard family in Trumbull Park Homes, but urges a statement from you as mayor of the nation's second city that no mob action will be tolerated against peaceful citizens seeking homes."

#### Five Persons Injured

"Released colored prisoners in Korea must be wondering what they fought for as they see what is happening to a colored veteran's family in Chicago," his telegram stated.

At the height of the disturbance, windows in the apartment were smashed and five persons were injured by bricks and bottles when the jeering mob turned on police.

Roving bands of teen-agers halted automobiles of colored persons who drove near the South Side scene. Police had their hands full in their efforts to quell the near riot and drive the angry demonstrators from the project, which they barricaded.

#### Smash Tavern Windows

Mr. Howard and his family became the first colored residents of the formerly lily-white project by virtue of an application that he filed several years ago.

Police reportedly seized some of the demonstrators after an enraged group bore down on a neighborhood tavern that caters to colored patronage. The windows of the tavern were smashed.

The latest and most violent demonstration came less than 24 hours after police had been called out to disperse a crowd gathered in front of the project manager's office to protest admittance of the Howard family.

#### In Line With New Policy

Following the first demonstration, police were put on guard to prevent any further disturbances. About 50 were assigned to the project under a mobilization plan designed to cope with mob action.

It was reported that the Sunday night crowd—the most violent—sembled after some unidentified person threw a sulphur candle into the Howard apartment.

A spokesman for the Chicago Housing Authority stated that Mr. Howard's admission to the 26-acre project was in line with a new policy of non-discrimination.

#### Could Pass for White

The irony of the attack on the Howard family is significant because of the following facts:

Howard is colored, but upon first glance, he could pass as a person of Mexican descent. His wife Betty, a former telephone operator, could very easily pass as white.

When the Howards made application to enter the lily-white project, it was approved because Mrs. Howard, who made the actual bid for the home, was thought by the clerk to be white.

It was not until Aug. 5 that other tenants and residents discovered the truth about the racial origin of the family. Violence followed thereafter.

#### 41 Arrested

Among the total of 41 arrested during Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights, 15 were juveniles who were later turned over to their parents, some of whom lived in the project.

Vice-chairman of the Chicago Housing Authority, Henry Kruse, stated that he will also order a complete investigation of circumstances which led to the riots.

Kruse, however, made it clear from the start that the board will investigate the financial status of the Howards to first determine whether they are eligible for residence in the project, which is restricted to families with an income of less than \$3,200 a year.

Made evident through preliminary investigations was the fact that when the project was first opened, it was agreed that it would retain the same complexion as existed in the neighborhood—white.

#### Howards Quit Jobs

The depth of the project violence, on the other hand, resulted in Howard quitting his job for fear he would be "beaten up" if he returned to work. His wife also stayed away from her job.

Breaking the police blockade which surrounded the riot area was impossible. No one (outside of the law and other officials) could enter the area unless he could produce proof of his residential status.

Unable to contact the Howard family, it was evident through a later phone call that they were pacing the floor in fear of getting hurt in another attack. But, he emphasized that he is determined to stay in the project with his family.



# 2nd Riot Hearing Is Urged

## Lawyer Urges 2nd Trial For Cicero Riot Defendants

NEW YORK — Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has asked that Edwin Konovsky, chief of police of Cicero, Ill., and two fellow officers be brought to trial a second time because "these incidents of racial violence supported by the active cooperation of police officials should be prosecuted with full vigor."

The Cicero chief and two fellow officers were convicted of violating the civil rights statute of Illinois. These convictions, however, were reversed last Monday by the United States Court of Appeals.

Mr. Marshall wrote a letter to Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., in which the following was included:

"We sincerely hope that the Department of Justice will retry this case because we are convinced today as we have always been that these incidents of racial violence supported by the active cooperation of police officials should be prosecuted with full vigor."

Chief Konovsky and two police officers were convicted last year for their part in the July, 1951, riot which broke out when Harvey E. Clark, Jr., a Negro bus driver, attempted to move into an apartment in the strictly white township of Cicero.

Cicero is a suburb of Chicago, which has excluded Negroes from its dwellings for years. When Clark tried to move into the newly purchased house his furniture was thrown onto the sidewalk and the building was wrecked by a huge mob of angry white people, who resented a Negro in their midst. The riot grew in violence, and

was quelled only after the National Guard sent a unit to restore order. The riot lasted for several days.

The Court of Appeals ruled that in its opinion the lower court which convicted the chief and his two officers, was guilty itself of "prejudicial errors committed during the trial and in giving instructions to the jury."

The state's highest court then remanded the chief and two officers for a new trial.

# Sues 12 For \$1,000,000 Over 1951 Cicero Riot

A one-million dollar damage suit was filed in Superior court Monday by Atty. Laurende M. Fine in behalf of Miss Camille De Rose, the Cicero landlady, charging twelve persons, including four prominent lawyers, with conspiracy to defraud her of her property.

## Sues



CAMILLE DeROSE

Miss De Rose, who owned the controversial building at 6139 W. 19th st., when the bloody Cicero riots occurred in July, 1951, charged in the suit that:

1. Atty. Ulysses S. Keys kept her in "peonage;"
2. Atty. Aaron Payne railroaded her into the state mental hospital at Kankakee;
3. Atty. George C. Adams deliberately organized the Cicero race riots;
4. That Harvey E. Clark, jr., never intended to move his family

into Cicero. Also named in the suit are George N. Leighton, president of the Chicago branch of the NAACP; Charles Edwards, a real estate agent; Maurice Scott, sr., who moved the Clark family's furniture into building, and his son, Maurice, jr., an attorney; Mrs. Minerva Adams, wife of Attorney Adams; Clark and his wife, Johnetta; Jewell Young and Ruth Anna Miller.

Leighton, Adams and the Scotts were contacted Wednesday by the Defender and formed the charges by Miss De Rose as "absurd."

"We don't know anything about it," Maurice Scott, Jr., declared.

"She has no chance to prove there was a conspiracy. I think she's doing it for publicity," Adams told the Defender.

Adams pointed out that he and Payne "never did get along well." "Why would we be involved in a conspiracy?" he asked.

Leighton said he "didn't know the woman too well." She's simply a person who feels she's been victimized and wants to get even," he asserted.

Miss De Rose includes several of the principals in the suit in her new book, "The Camille De Rose Story," which was printed by the Erie Press, 30 N. La Salle st.

## 3 CICERO COPS WIN NEW TRIAL IN '51 RIOT CASE

The United States Court of Appeals reversed yesterday, and remanded for a new trial, the convictions of the Cicero police chief and two other policemen for violation of civil rights in connection with a race riot that occurred in Cicero during July, 1951.

The disorder occurred when a Negro family attempted to move into the apartment building at 6139 W. 19th st. Mobs wrecked the building and threw out the furniture of Harvey E. Clark Jr. after he attempted to move in. Illinois National Guard units were sent to restore order.

### Cite "Prejudicial Errors"

The opinion, written by Judge Walter C. Lindley and concurred in by two other judges, ordered the convictions reversed "because of prejudicial errors committed during the trial and in the giving of instructions to the jury."

The opinion, however, absolved Judge Walter J. La Buy, who heard the case in federal District court, of blame in the errors. The reviewing judges commended Judge La Buy for "studious" efforts for an impartial trial and described the case as "unusually difficult."

The three policemen were convicted by a jury last June 4. Chief Erwin Konovsky was fined \$2,000 after being found guilty of conspiring to violate the federal civil rights statute in connection with the rioting and with violating the statute. Police Sgt. Roland Brani and Patrolman Frank A. Lange were convicted of violation of the statute and were fined \$250 each. The violations consisted, the charges read, of failing to provide adequate protection for Clark and his family.

### Four Others Cleared

Four other Cicero officials were indicted on the charges Dec. 13, 1951, in addition to the three policemen. They were: Town President Henry J. Sandusky, Fire Marshal Theodore H. Wesolowski, Town Atty. Nicholas Berkos, and Patrolman Frank Jenecek.

Sandusky and Wesolowski were dismissed as defendants during the trial and Berkos, found guilty by the jury of conspiracy, was freed by the court on a motion for acquittal. The jury found Jenecek not guilty of violation of the statute.

Mrs. Camille De Rose, 47, former owner of the riot torn building, filed suit yesterday in Superior court asking \$1,000,000 in damages from 12 defendants. She charged they conspired to defraud her of her property, send her to prison and a mental institution.

## Advice To Cicero

Citizens of Cicero, Ill., are planning a campaign to clear the town's bad name. "It has got so bad," said one resident, "that a kid from Cicero can't get into a college fraternity or sorority because of the town's reputation."

"Real estate value is held down and no politician can get elected to a job outside Cicero."

Stanley Chleboun, banker, who heads the Civic Commission, says he plans a campaign designed to refute an impression "built to legendary proportions, that it is a lawless, gangster-built town."

Cicero may succeed in wiping the slate clean of the unsavory reputation given it by gangster Al Capone during the heyday of the prohibition machine-gun era. That period is now history.

But it will be no easy job to remove from the minds of a majority of Americans

of people that Cicero has seen the error of its racial ways and is at last ready to repent and reform.

impression that Cicero is inhabited by invitation to Harvey Clark and his family to return. Mr. Clark was the victim. Those at National Guard could quell is too fresh in memory of too many people. But there is one thing Cicero could do. mob violence. Mr. Chleboun could extend a belated That should be sufficient proof to a lot



## Patton Slated To Attend Woodmen Meet

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DENVER, COLO.— (SNS)— District Manager W. C. Patton of Birmingham will be among hundreds of American Woodmen members and delegates from six southern states to attend the annual Regional Conference of the American Woodmen in Macon, Georgia, Wednesday through Friday, July 8-10.

Highlighting the list of visitors for the Conference will be a number of National Officers of The American Woodmen, a pioneer Legal Reserve Fraternal Life Insurance Association. These will include Supreme Commander *Lawrence H. Lightner* of Denver, Colorado; Supreme Watchman Oscar Maxwell of Americus, Georgia; Board of Directors' Member *W. J. Williams* of Chicago, Ill.; and National Junior Counselor M. I. Smith-Morgan of Denver, Colorado. Also in attendance will be District Manager B. W. Goodwin, Jr., of St. Louis, Mo. and Mr. Patton.

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Features of the three-day meeting, in addition to the daily business meetings, will be The American Woodmen Junior Oratorical Contest on Thursday night and the annual Woodmen Parade on Wednesday. Prizes will be awarded for outstanding groups in the Parade, and the famed Woodmen Drum and Bugle Corps from Saint Louis, Mo., will be a featured attraction.

Delegates to the meeting will represent Woodmen Camps and Tents in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. The Macon Camp and Tent will be official hosts.

The American Woodmen is a 52 year old organization. It operates in 23 states and the District of Columbia.



# Concessions asked by Isis commandress

BALTIMORE — Mrs. Ercelle Moore, imperial commandress of the Daughters of Isis, said here Sunday that the Imperial Court is willing to sit down and discuss their differences with the imperial potentate of the Shriners.

She added quite firmly, however, that this doesn't mean that the Imperial Court is going back as it is in favor of going back unless certain concessions are made.

Mrs. Moore was in Baltimore visiting Mr and Mrs. Fred Dixon, 1117 Whitlock st. when interviewed by the APHO. In a signed statement she said.

"The Imperial Commandress of Isis has recently received a communication from Dr. Raymond E. Jackson, Imperial potentate of the Shrines, sent over the Imperial domain.

"The imperial commandress has been accused of refusing to turn over certain records, which is basely untrue.

We, as an imperial court, will continue to function as such promoting our program. There among our constituents due to the lack of representation on the board directing the tuberculosis and Cancer Research Foundation, for which \$3.25 is paid the Imperial Council for each member.

"We were surprised at the edict but grateful for the support of our membership throughout the country. It is our sincere hope that we might have the opportunity to sit down as

members to discuss these phases amicably."

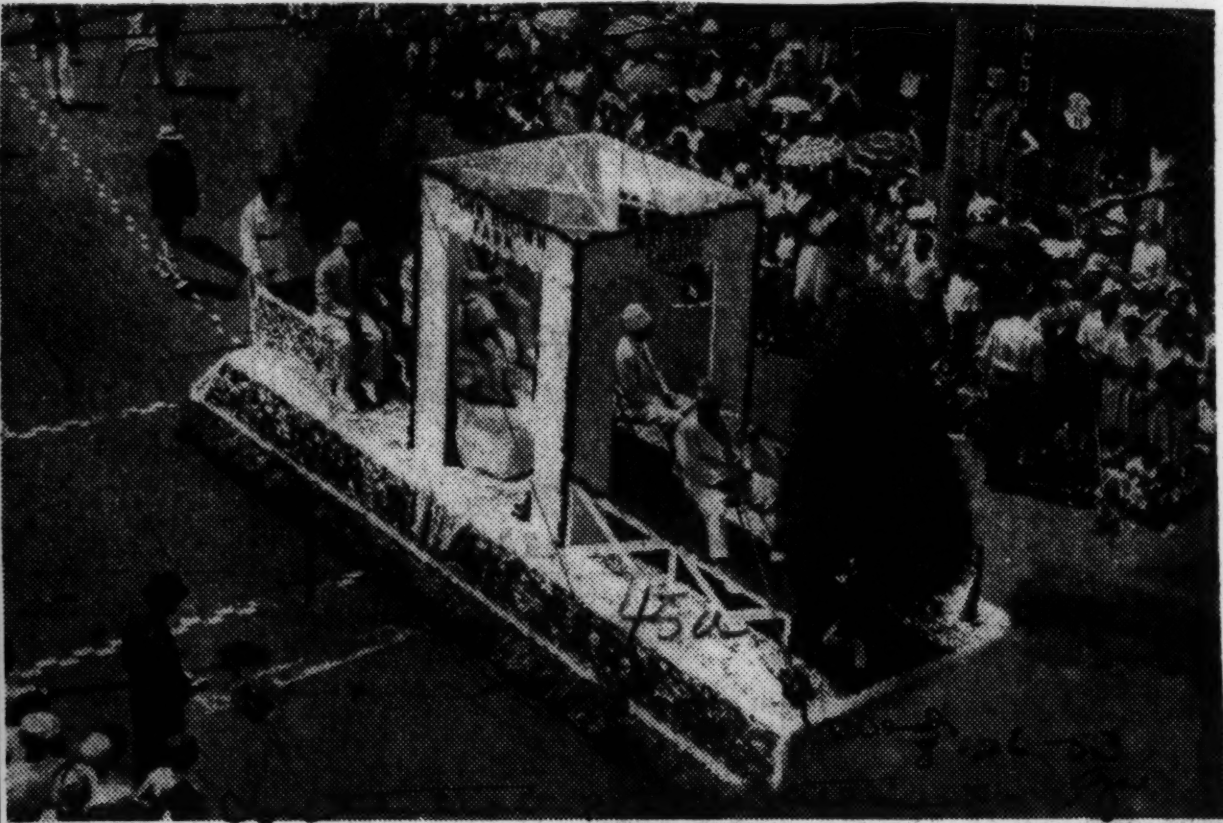
Later Mrs. Moore explained the statement to mean that Imperial Potentate Jackson who had requested the books of the order be turned over to the Council by Oct. 1 had received the books and subsequently rescinded his order to grand Masters.

This does not mean that we are "going back," she exclaimed. It simply means that we are willing to discuss the differences between the Imperial Court-Daughters of Isis and the Shrine. We have no intention of going back unless certain concessions are made, she pointed out.

It has been the aim of the Daughters of Isis for many

years to gain authority to handle their own funds and supervise their own meetings, which apparently are the concessions which Mrs. Moore did not spell out.





Staff Photo—Bill Wilson

## THOUSANDS WATCH AS NEGRO ELKS PARADE IN DOWNTOWN ATLANTA

The John Brown Farm Float Is Part of Largest Negro Parade Ever Held Here

# 150,000 Hail Parading Negro Elks

A throng estimated at more than 150,000 watched, cheered, whistled and applauded as Negro Elks from all over the country paraded through downtown Atlanta for nearly two hours Tuesday.

The miles-long procession included 6,000 delegates to the Negro Elks convention here and scores of bands and gaily decorated floats.

Atlanta Patrolmen M. P. Reynolds and N. P. Miller estimated the parade crowd at from 150,000 to 200,000. An estimated 90 per cent of the spectators were Negroes.

The parade was the largest ever staged by Negroes in Atlanta.

Many of the onlookers brought orange crates for use as grandstands—and umbrellas for protection from the burning sun.

One young mother fed her baby his bottle as they watched the parade. When a marching unit passed, and the mother cried out: "There's daddy!"

One of the girls on the White Flower Club float of Pittsburgh lost her parasol at Five Points—and a policeman obligingly retrieved the parasol, chased the float and returned it.

Robert H. Johnson of Philadelphia, the Negro Elks' Exalted Ruler, led the procession up Whitehall and Peachtree Streets and Auburn Avenue. He was followed by the bands, floats and more than 100 marching units.

Bands of Atlanta's Howard High School, Washington High School and Turner High School were near the front of the procession. Atlanta Negro Boy Scouts also took part.

Convertibles, bedecked with flowers and multicolored crepe paper streamers, carried convention dignitaries who waved vigorously at the crowd. Confetti was showered on the paraders from office buildings along the route.

"Smile!" Negro spectators called to parade participants who

squinted in the sun.

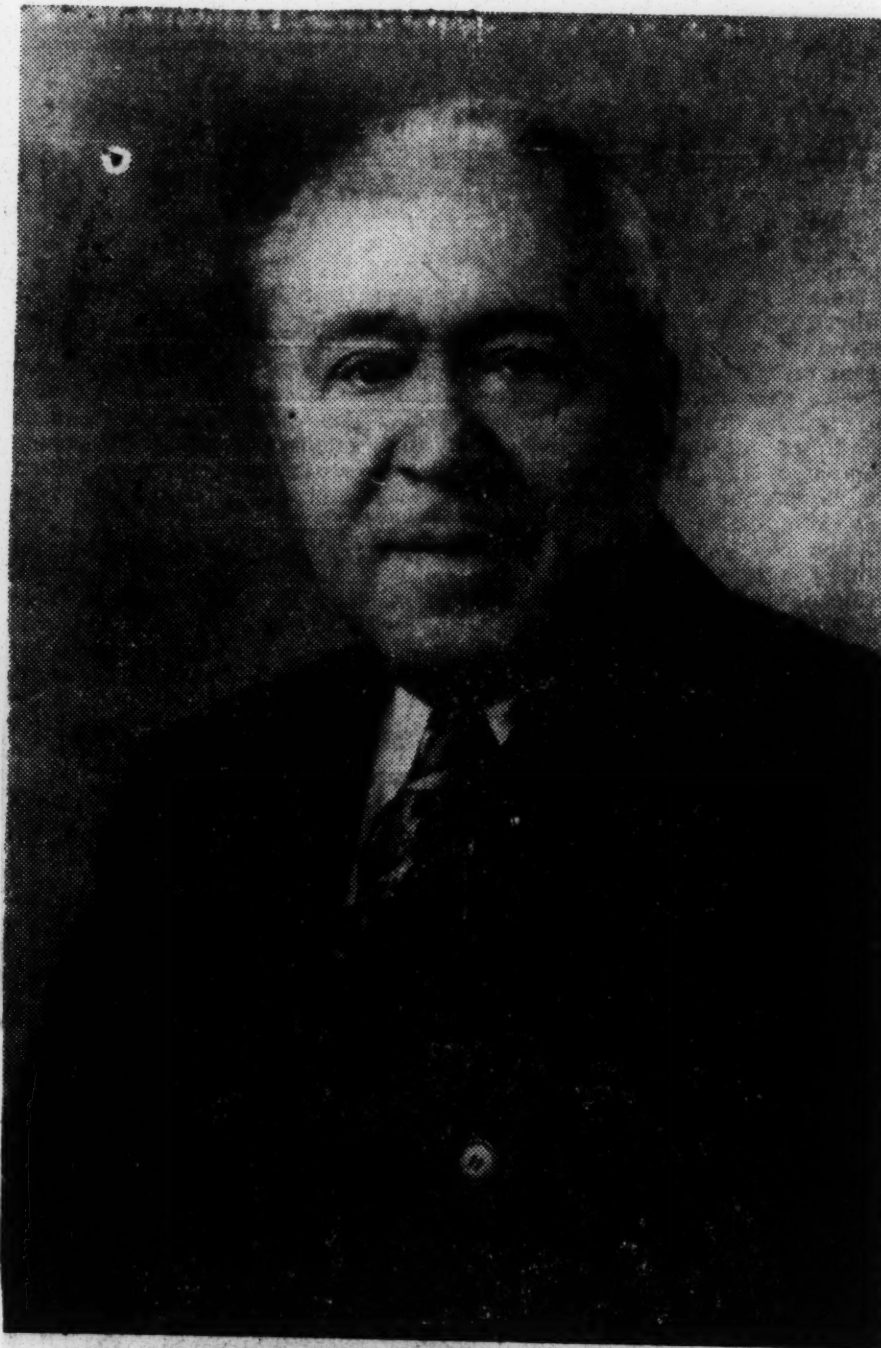
One of the crowd's loudest cheers was saved for a high-stepping majoriette clad in silver sequins who led the Heart of Detroit Lodge Band No. 1014.

Three girls adorned the red, blue and silver float of Atlanta's American Legion Post 514.

The Whites Band of St. Louis drew loud applause as it played a lively version of "St. Louis Blues."

One of the loudest music makers was the band from Newark, N. J. Band members were attired in brilliant gold and wine uniforms.

The parade was a highlight of the 54th national convention of Negro Elks which has attracted about 30,000 delegates to Atlanta.



HONORABLE JUDGE W. C. HUESTON  
BY OZEIL FRYER WOOLCOCK

The Twenty-five years of service to the Educational Department of the I. B. P. O. E. of W., the Honorable Judge W. C. Hueston, commissioner of Education 1925-1950 was given a plaque and \$3,000 for his untiring and unselfish services on Achievement Award Night at Big Bethel Church, Thursday evening.

The keynote speaker was Miss Dorothy J. Height, National Board, YWCA, New York, founder and past daughter ruler of the Rose of Sharon Temple, Brooklyn, New York and Grand president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

## ORATORICAL CONTEST WINNER

Miss Height, oratorical contest winner of a four-year Elk scholar-

ship, stated that she honored her father in youth, she zenship of the American Negro. Truly Hatchett, regional director, stated that he had seen very few men like Hueston and that he thought only of one thing and that was the life of Judge Hueston will be never pass, that it would always be with us for the monument that he has built in our hearts and lives. Judge Hueston humbly and with few words accepted the awards and stated that Miss Height was one of the most outstanding women of the

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She related her experiences in India while teaching at the University of New Delhi, at which time many were anxious about the



face and surely the most outstanding woman of the year! one who had not forgotten; and of whom they were proud. He stated that he would forever remember the occasion.

The invocation was by the Rev. W. R. Frye.

Hon. Hobson Reynolds, Grand Director of Civil Liberties, back from Europe on an investigation directed by the Elks, introduced Miss Buena V. Kelly, mistress of ceremonies.

The presentation of Grand Daughter Ruler's Medals of merit were made by Mrs. Nettie Carter Jackson. The honoree were presented by Mrs. Vivian Carter Mason, past daughter.

#### BIG BETHEL CHOIR

Music was presented by the famed Big Bethel Choir under the direction of Henry J. Furlowe with Mrs. Florine Furlowe at the organ; Mrs. Geneva C. Williams, and the Rev. R. H. Collins, Grand Chaplain.

Tributes to Judge W. C. Hueston were made by George Lee, Grand Commissioner of Education and Truly W. Hatchett, Regional Director.

The First Annual Achievement Award was made to Honorable Judge Hueston with the State Presidents acting as Gift Bearers. Their presentation to the honoree was made by Daughter Ethel Mae Charleston, Past Grand Daughter Ruler and Grand Directress of Education.

A reception was held in the parlors of the church immediately after the program.

#### USHERS, HOSTESSES

The Ushers and hostesses were Mesdames and Misses Beatrice Wallace, Florence Lyles, Vashti Brown, Alberta Spikes, Lucille Mayer, Anne W. Rodgers, Alice Jefferson, Julia Mills, Collette Ashby, Eugenia C. Brown, Florizelle Battle, Lillie B. Hopkins, Mary Gray, Elizabeth Welch Hall, Bessie L. Blair, Mildred L. Thomas, Mildred Brown, Nola D. Nelson, Maxine Young and Alice Williams.

The members of the committee were Robert Johnson, Grand Exalted Ruler, Mrs. Nettie C. Jackson, Grand Daughter Ruler, Miss Vivian C. Mason, Past Grand Daughter Ruler and Miss Buena V. Kelly, Grand Daughter Secretary.



#### ELKS SET UP HORACE WARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A \$1,000 scholarship fund will be awarded Horace Ward once his test suit to enter the University of Georgia is won. The announcement was made during the Education Department session at Big Bethel AME Church. Present were J. F. Simmons, grand trustee; Lt. George W. Lee, Commissioner of Education and Dr. W. M. Boyd, president of the Georgia Conference of NAACP.

## Judges W.C. Hueston, P. Jackson Mrs. Jackson Reelected To High Elk Posts Renamed Grand Daughter Ruler

By JAMES L. HICKS  
Judge William C. Hueston of Washington, D. C., was reelected to his office as Grand Secretary of the Elks by acclamation Tuesday a few minutes after he reported that the Elks organization has a net worth of close to a half million dollars.

Mr. Hueston's election by acclamation came as a surprise to some observers here who had been tipped off that a move was on to retire the aging jurist from his position.

If there was such a move it died aborning however for Mr. Hueston was reelected in a morning session which was over before eleven o'clock at which time the Elks moved out to join in the annual parade.

Before going to the parade, however, the Elks also returned Judge Perry B. Jackson to office by acclamation. Judge Jackson is Grand Treasurer of the organization.

This meant that two of the major offices in the organization were elected in one session which at best lasted only an hour or so and was indicative that Grand Exalted Ruler Johnson was firmly in control.

After making his report, Judge Hueston urged the Elks to sell their New York City property—a Manhattan apartment house valued at \$37,000. Regulations of the organization prevent the Elks from operating property at a profit.

Grand Exalted Ruler Johnson also made his report Tuesday but did not stand for reelection since his present term extends until 1954.

By JAMES L. HICKS  
The harmony which has prevailed in the Elks Grand Lodge spread throughout its Grand Temple on Wednesday as daughter Elks reelected their Grand Daughter Ruler Mrs. Nettie Carter Jackson, for a two-year term and also returned their Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to office.

In sessions held at the Wheat St. Baptist Church the women Elks adopted a resolution which changed their rules so as to allow them to give Mrs. Jackson a two-year term instead of one.

#### OTHERS REELECTED

The matter of electing Mrs. Jackson for a two-year term they proceeded to reelect Mrs. Buena Kelly Berry of Norfolk, Virginia as Grand Secretary, and return Mrs. Pearl Brown of Baltimore to her position of Grand Treasurer.

The elections came after the officers had made their report to the convention.

Mrs. Jackson stated in her report that the Grand Temple now has more than 800 temples and councils located throughout the world and that the membership is on the increase as a result of the membership drive started by the women in March of last year.

#### WAR ORPHANS

She further reported the women are now taking care of the expenses of three war orphans in Europe and said plans are underway to expand this program.

Mrs. Jackson was appointed to the post of Grand Daughter Ruler in 1951 by the late J. Finley Wilson. The appointment came when Mrs. Elizabeth Ross Gordon died in office.

In 1952 at Atlantic City, Mrs. Jackson was elected on her own and immediately set about on a program of expanding the organization.

She resides in Staten Island, N. Y.



# BIAS IN ARMED FORCES, HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT ATTACKED BY ELKS

## Freedom Sought For Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram And Sons

BY MARION E. JACKSON

The Elks national convention approved a bold series of resolutions Friday which delved into civil rights, armed service integration, segregation in public housing and clemency for Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram, the latter serving a life sentence in Georgia's Reidsville prison for the self-defense slaying of a South Georgia tenant farmer.

Hobson Reynolds, grand director of civil liberties, read the resolutions which were speedily approved by the delegate body. Observers stated the resolutions were the most vigorous denouncement of racial segregation in the history of the order.

Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell won commendation for his stand on civil rights but the organization appealed for "greater and more effective use of his enforcement and dental and deprivation of the civil rights of Negroes by local and state law agencies and courts in many investigative powers with respect to parts of the nation."

### HIT SERVICE BIAS

In another resolution the convention urged "acceleration of integration into the armed forces with full utilization of manpower in all branches based on capability and merit."

The body commended the United States Supreme Court decision banning discrimination in eating places in Washington, D. C., and recommended that it be extended into the South.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower was praised for his newly-created Government Committee on Contract Compliance but it urged the next Congress to enact FEPC.

### SLUM DWELLINGS

The resolutions blasted housing segregation in metropolitan and rural centers which forced Negroes to occupy slum dwellings. In other resolutions the Elks:

A. Urged Negroes throughout the nation to register and vote for effective participation in local, state and national affairs.

B. Urged the State Department to use more Negroes as emissaries and that such posts be filled by Negroes.

C. Blasted the race-mongering Malan government in South Africa and warned that its police would ignite the torch of World War III.

D. Deplored race violence in Kenya and urged a peaceful settlement of the explosive issue.

E. The United Packing House Workers of America were commended for their efforts to clean up discrimination.

F. Closed with a serious plea for the increased Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man.

### TALMADGE GREETED

Special significance was attached to the plea for freedom for Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram Friday morning at 10 a. m. Grand Exalted Ruler Robert H. Johnson talked with Georgia Governor Herman Talmadge in a press-barred discussion at the state capitol.

The Elks chieftain swapped warm greetings with the state executive who greeted him with a handshake and reportedly explained his absence from the city during last Tuesday's giant two and half hour parade.

Mr. Johnson told the press Talmadge asked if there was "anything I could do for the Elks while they were here." The governor deplored his absence from the city

during the early sessions of the convention and the parade.

Mr. Johnson was accompanied to the state capitol by C. W. Harlan, a freelance photographer from Columbus, Ohio. The photographer although not listed as an Elk or delegate to the grand lodge convention is credited with setting up the interview.

Others in the party were Captain Harvey O. Austin of the newly-created Elks police force and Director of Public Relations Charles McClane.

### GRAND ORGANIZER

In other convention actions the convention heard the report of Grand Organizer Herbert E. Jones, Washington, D. C., approved the report of Judge William C. Hueston, and heard resolutions report which was presented by Ernest J. Wright, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Mr. Wright got approval for a motion that Hobson Reynolds' report be made available to all members of the order.

The convention voted a donation to Grand Daughter Ruler Nettie Carter Jackson. The Grand Temple in turn voted a gift to the Grand Exalted Ruler.

The resolutions committee turned a deaf ear to a resolution criticizing the American Legion for barring Negroes from the fun-making 40 and 8.

### INGRAM RESOLUTION

The resolution asking freedom for Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram who was convicted in Wilkes County, Ga., for the cornfield slaying of John E. Stratford. The case made the convicted woman an international cause celebrities. Many organizations have waged unceasing effort to have her freed. Two Georgia governors Melvin E. Thompson and Mr. Talmadge have refused to intervene in the case.

### ATLANTANS THANKED

The citizens of Atlanta, "both private persons and public officials" were extended thanks in a special resolution made in the session. The Grand Lodge convention did, thereby, go on record as extending our most hearty thanks and appreciation for the efforts of those persons who have contributed to the service provided us during our stay in Atlanta.

Gate City Lodge, No. 54, Henry McNeal Turner Lodge, No. 719, Gate City Temple, No. 43 and Eliza Turner Temple, No. 432 also came in for special praise by resolution for their preparation for the entertainment, accommodation and comfort of the visiting Grand Lodge.

Mayor Hartsfield, Police Chief Jenkins, the press and radio also came in for their share of praise by resolution to the Grand Lodge.

### INGRAM RESOLUTION

The resolution asking for the parole of Mrs. Ingram reads:

Whereas the conviction by a Georgia Court of Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram and her sons for murder when they were plainly defending themselves and their mother was a great shock to thousands of us, and

Whereas such a large segment of the people of Georgia, as well as of the nation, are of the opinion that the ends of justice would be served if this mother and her children were at this time restored to their freedom.

Now be it resolved that this Grand Lodge Convention call on the Governor of Georgia to parole Mrs. Ingram and her sons.



# WALTER WHITE FORGES NAACP, ELKS LINK AGAINST JIMCROW

## NAACP Leader Raps Bigotry In Speech Before Elks Meet

BY MARION E. JACKSON

Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP, told the closing session of the 54th national Elks convention that Governor Herman Talmadge was more confident that "we're going to win the South Carolina school segregation suit than our lawyers," and declared that if his organization didn't win, the case would be carried to the Supreme Court again, again and again.

Grand Exalted Ruler Robert H. S. R. Houchins, grand master of Johnson introduced the noted civil social sessions; Albert A. Reading, right-hand to the first session, grand commissioner of transportation and passed that 500,000 Elks will join; Dr. Carter Marshall, grand stand side by side with the N. A. medical director; James T. Cooper, A. C. P. in its struggle for complete equality.

Hobson Reynolds, grand director of civil liberties, urged the organization to support the NAACP and Antlered Guard; Hillman Hanley, "to stand up and be counted in the equality struggle whether in Georgia, Mississippi or Rhode Island or wherever bigotry and prejudice exists."

### SPEEDY APPROVAL

Joseph H. Brown, O. V. Catto Lodge, Philadelphia, Pa., introduced a motion to cooperate with the N. A. P. in its fight for complete emancipation. His motion was speedy approval.

Charles W. Peters, exalted ruler Gate City Lodge No. 54, was appointed Grand Historian, a move that won Georgia a place in the ruling hierarchy of the national grand lodge.

Lemuel Foster, New York, who in behalf of the Payroll Saving Bond division of the U. S. Treasury Department and brought greetings from Secretary George Humphrey.

### APPOINT OFFICERS

The grand exalted ruler in his final official appearance announced his complete slate of national officers. They were: Capt. M. L. Smith, grand police commissioner; Rev. H. Collins Lee, grand chaplain; Lionel Hampton, grand bandmaster; A. W. Hill, grand director of Junior Herd; Charles McClane, director of public relations; Milton S. Wright, grand director of Economics; John Minkin, grand reporter; Ike Styker, grand organist;

000 colored persons voting in 1952 and that the NAACP working with other groups will increase that number to three million by 1956.

He said this was a "very modest goal," in calling attention to the nine to ten million Negroes living in the South.

### RIPPED TALMADGE

The NAACP chieftain then ripped into Gov. Talmadge, Gov. Byrnes and Gov. Hugh White of Mississippi. He told the Elks "these reactionaries are merely using a delaying action to gain a little time in the fight. Talmadge has no notion of winning neither has Byrnes."

The South is much further along than we think because of industrialization, unsegregated army units and unsegregated school." White insisted that the fight against school segregation was "much more than a legal fight. He described it as a four-pronged fight involving legal, education, public opinion and voting."

White hailed the Elks' visit in Atlanta as "the most wholesome thing in America." He said: "Ten years ago the Elks parading in Atlanta would not have been possible. But the credit goes to the organization affair which might have been ridiculed or greeted in silence."

### CHEERING ENTHUSIASM

The speech of NAACP leader brought the crowd to cheering enthusiasm. Mr. White said: "All of us should join in the great effort to clean up all remaining discrimination and segregation based upon race and color. The NAACP has announced a ten-year campaign, 1953-1963, to wipe out second class citizenship so that the 100th anniversary of Emancipation Proclamation will find no citizens who do not enjoy equality in our democracy."

White assailed Gov. Talmadge for the statement that "blood will flow in rivers" if the Supreme Court ruled public segregation unconstitutional.

### STATE UNIVERSITIES

He declared, "Not on drop of blood, even a fist fight, has flowed as result of Negroes attending state universities with whites in the south, or of integration of public schools in certain states like southern New Jersey, southern Illinois, Indiana and Arizona."

Mr. White said there were 1,300,

## Elks Commend Brownell; To Meet In Chicago In 1954

By JAMES L. HICKS

In the Thursday sessions the Elks heard reports from Grand Organizer Herbert Jones of Washington and adopted numerous resolutions the principal one being as follows: A request to Governor Talmadge to parole Mrs. Rosa Ingram.

A commendation to United States Attorney General Herbert Brownell for his Denver pronouncements on civil rights. This resolution also carried with it the statement, "We commend to his attention the necessity for a greater and more direct use of his law enforcement and investigative powers with respect to denials and deprivations of the civil rights of Negroes by local and state law enforcement officers and courts in many parts of the nation."

The Lodge then voted Chicago as the site for their 1954 convention.

Another resolution commended President Eisenhower for his new Government Committee on Contract Compliance to curb defense plant discrimination. But the resolution also called on Congress to adopt a Federal FEPC.

Other resolutions denounced segregation, housing discrimination, urged the State Department to employ more colored people, blasted the racial discrimination in South Africa and the violence in Kenya.

In the elections held Thursday the Elks made few major changes in their officers. Bertram V. Gregory of Detroit, was returned as Grand Esteemed Leading Knight, K. P. Battle of Raleigh, N. C. as Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Harvey L. Harris of New York as Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight.

L. W. Williams of Valdosta, Ga., and C. Sylvester Jackson of Harrisburg, Pa., were elected to one year terms as Grand Trustees.

They then began to toss around money. The Grand Temple brought over a donation to the Grand Exalted Ruler for being such a great "patriarch" of the Temple. The donation was said to be about \$2,000.

The Elks retaliated by then making a sizeable donation to the Grand Daughter Ruler.

The Bills then voted a donation

to Grand Secretary W. O. Hueston and another donation to the N. A. A. C. P. for the legal fight against school segregation.

Governor Herman Talmadge of Georgia called Elk leader Robert H. Johnson to the Georgia State Capitol for a 35-minute chat Thursday morning as the Elks convention swung into its final sessions.

Mr. Johnson went to the capitol on the invitation of the governor after receiving a call from one of the governor's aides Thursday morning. He was accompanied by C. W. Harrington of Columbus, O., Police Captain Harvey Alston also of Columbus, and Charles P. McClane, public relations director of the Elks.

### MISSED PARADE

The governor is said to have expressed regrets that prior commitments had prevented him from witnessing the huge Elk parade on Tuesday and to have asked Mr. Johnson if there was anything that his office could do for the Elks to make their visit here more pleasant.

It could not be learned what other conversation passed between the governor and Mr. Johnson but the Elks had just adopted a resolution calling on the governor to parole Mrs. Rosa Ingram from prison at Reidsville, Georgia.

### SPEECH CANCELLED

Governor Talmadge's unexpected invitation so interrupted the convention that the Elks cancelled the scheduled speech of a high commerce official from Washington who had been especially invited here to address the convention.

M. Joseph Meehan, director of the Department of the Division of Business Economics for the Commerce Department had been invited by Dr. Milton J. Wright of Wilberforce University to address a morning session of the convention.

Mr. Meehan arrived as scheduled but the embarrassed Dr. Wright was forced to tell him that since he was the guest of the Grand Exalted Ruler and since the Grand Exalted Ruler would not be present, the Elks could not let him speak.

Mr. Meehan left and Dr. Wright who is chairman of the Elks Committee on Economics told the press: "The situation is most regrettable. It was all due to circumstances beyond our control. It could only happen once in a hundred years."



# Talmadge Talks With Elk Chief

By ETHEL L. PAYNE

ATLANTA, Ga.—Robert H. Johnson, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Improved, Benevolent, Protective Order of Elks of the World, last week held a pow-wow with Herman Talmadge, controversial governor of Georgia, shortly before the fraternal order ended its 54th annual convention here.

Talmadge, who last week de- Johnson a new Cadillac automobile in a press confab that bile in recognition of what was "blood will flow in the streets of Georgia" if the Supreme Court outlaws school segregation, called the Elk leader to the state capitol for a 30-minute chat Thursday morning as the convention swung into its final sessions.

Johnson reported through a spokesman that Governor Talmadge had greeted him cordially and met him with a hearty handshake.

The Governor is said to have expressed regret that prior commitments had prevented him from witnessing the huge Elks parade on Tuesday and to have asked Johnson if there was anything his office could do to make the Elks' visit in Atlanta more pleasant.

The Grand Ruler's visit with Talmadge came on the heels of a resolution adopted by the convention calling on the Governor to parole Mrs. Rosa Ingram from prison at Reidsville, Ga. Johnson was accompanied to the capitol by C. W. Hargrove of Columbus, Ohio; Police Capt. Harvey Alston, Columbus, and Charles P. McClane, public relations director of the Elks.

## IKE PRAISES ELKS

President Dwight D. Eisenhower sent a special message to Johnson wishing the Elks a successful session and praised the organization upon the accomplishments and objectives of your organization.

The convention was attended by some 30,000 Elks from every state in the nation, Hawaii, Alaska, the Canal Zone, the Bahamas and Canada.

Mayor William Hartsfield paid a surprise visit to the convention Monday night.

The Grand Lodge voted to give

Earl Scarborough, Oklahoma City; Robert Penn, Inkster, Mich.; Della Thomas, Ansonia, Conn.; Ardella Miller, Clearwater, Fla., and Beverly Woods, Dallas, Texas. All regional winners were awarded \$1,000 scholarships to the college or university of their choice.

The entire slate of officers was re-elected, giving the Grand exalted Ruler a vote of confidence for his proposed program for 1953-54. The elections were presided over by Past Grand Exalted Ruler T. Gillis Nutter of Charleston, W. Va., a prominent attorney.

A Mount Vernon, N. Y. businessman, Harvey L. Harris, was re-elected Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight. The Rev. Kemp P. Battles of Rocky Mount, N. C. was returned to his post of Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight.

Others re-elected were: Benjamin T. Butler, Brooklyn, N. Y., Davis, Grand Esquire, and the Past Grand Tiler, Dr. L. W. Williams of Valdosta, Ga., was elected as a one-year trustee. He was succeeded by Key Fernandez of Boston, Mass. Lloyal Randolph, Maryland businessman, was re-elected a three-year Grand Trustee, while C. Sylvester Jackson of Harrisburg, Pa., was reelected to a one-year term.

Grand Commissioner of Education, George W. Lee, of Memphis, Tenn., was re-elected by acclamation, and the Grand Exalted Ruler named Dr. W. V. Cholmondeley of Philadelphia, Pa., as Assistant Grand Exalted Ruler.

## REYNOLDS REPORTS

Judge Hobson Reynolds, grand director of the Elks Civil Liberties department, reporting on his recent tour of five European countries, said integration in the armed forces is far short of being complete but efforts are being made toward that end.

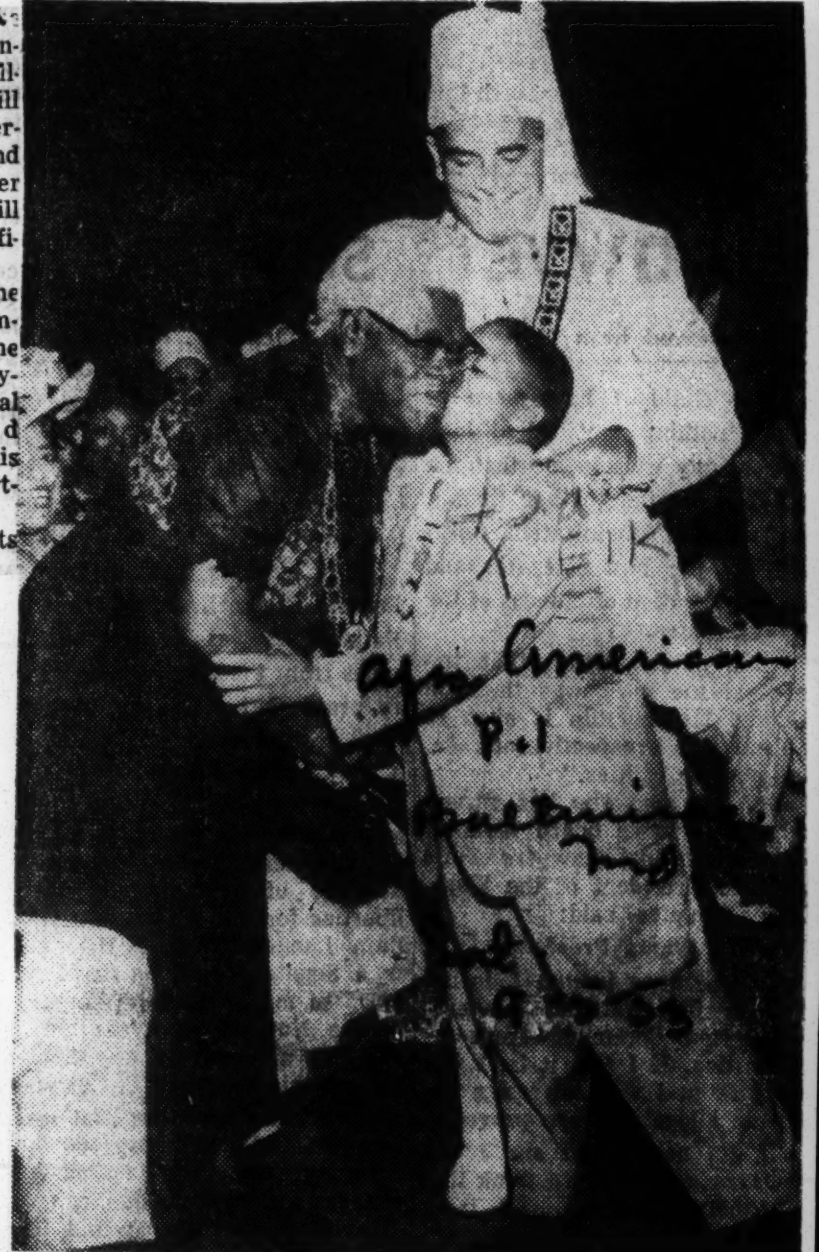
Reynolds was sent by the Elks to investigate conditions after Johnson received numerous complaints of mistreatment of Negro soldiers. The report said that of 34,493 Negro servicemen in Germany, 28,666 or 83 per cent are assigned to integrated units.

Reynolds said statistics show there are 95,000 illegitimate children fathered by occupation troops. A little less than 10,000 are children of Negro soldiers, he reported.

The Elk representative said he discovered the mothers are generally very devoted to their children. Seventy percent are still with their mothers. Only four percent are offered for adoption and 28 percent are living in foster homes. Many of the children will be unable to attend school for financial reasons, Reynolds said.

Following Reynolds' report, the convention voted to set up a campaign for a \$20,000 fund to aid the brown babies of Germany. Reynolds has been asked by Mutual Security Administrator Harold Stassen to submit a report of his findings to the Defense department.

The convention voted to hold its 1954 meeting in Chicago.



**KISS FOR A QUEEN**—Franke Dee plants a kiss on the cheek of Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune at Elks breakfast at which the 76-year-old founder of Bethune-Cookman college received the organization's Lovejoy Award for outstanding race relations work. She was called "Queen of Civil Rights."

## Negro Judge Says:

**U.S. Best Country For Negro People**

ATLANTA —(P)— A Philadelphia Negro judge declared Monday "America is the only country in the world for Negroes to live in."

Judge Hobson R. Reynolds told the opening session of the national Negro Elks convention that he found this out touring

five European countries.

He and other speakers asserted that Negroes in American enjoy living standards and privileges found nowhere else in the world.

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, founder of a college bearing her name at Daytona Beach, Fla., told the delegates they must "stand always for the right and face each problem confronting Negroes squarely."

Dr. Bethune received the Elks' Elijah Lovejoy award for helping to better racial relations. Two awards from the Seagram Foun-



dation honored Robert H. Johnson, grand exalted ruler, and Nettie Carter Jackson, his granddaughter.

A telegram of greetings from President Eisenhower opened the convention. It was read by Perry W. Howard, Republican national committeeman from Mississippi.

The President, from his vacation headquarters in Colorado, congratulated the Negro Elks on their national achievements and expressed wishes for a successful convention.

Robert R. Snodgrass, Georgia Republican leader and president of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, addressed key officials of the order at a luncheon. His address was the official welcome to the convention, held here for the first time in its 54-year history.

Delegates continued to pour into the city and leaders said the influx might create a housing crisis. All told, 30,000 are expected.

A peak event will be a parade Tuesday of 100 marching units and more than 6,000 delegates. It will start at noon and is expected to require five hours to cover its route down Whitehall and Peachtree sts. and Auburn ave.



MISS HELEN H. SAUNDERS

## Miss Saunders Given \$1,000 Scholarship

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — Miss Helen Hermayne Saunders, 1953 honor graduate of Tuskegee High School, has been presented a \$1,000 four-

year college scholarship by the Elks, I. B. P. O. E. W. She is enrolled as a freshman at Tuskegee Institute.

George W. Lee of Memphis, Tenn., grand commissioner of the Elks Department of Education, Memphis, Tenn., in announcing the grant said that "the board has elected Miss Saunders an Elks scholar in recognition of ambition and exceptional promise exhibited in her high school record of superior scholarship, ability, participation in school activity and also in recognition of outstanding contribution to the Department and meritorious service for the Order as performed by her father over a period of 25 years."

Miss Saunders became one of 50 Elks scholars presently at study in colleges and universities over the nation, and hers is the first Elks scholarship to be taken at Tuskegee Institute. All other major colleges in the State have shared in the education of some 700 graduates and students since institution of their educational program in 1925.

In her own right Helen is a "daughter of Elks." Her father, Harold C. Saunders, formerly exalted ruler of Booker T. Washington Lodge at Tuskegee, is district director of Elks education and Chief antler of the James E. Kelley Council of Past Exalted Rulers. He is also chairman of trustees for the Alabama Elks Association and Grand assistant director of Public Relations. Her mother is Mrs. Hermayne Jones Saunders, a past daughter ruler of Cosmopolitan Temple of Daughter Elks at Tuskegee.

Miss Saunders, who was also the winner of Lambda Chapter's 1953 Iota Phi Lambda scholarship award is a member of Tuskegee's School of Home Economics and looks toward a career in fashions designing.

## Miss Saunders Is Given Scholarship By Elks Lodge



Helen Hermayne Saunders

A four-year college scholarship has been awarded by the Board of Education of Elks, I. B. P. O. E. W., to Helen Hermayne Saunders, 1953 honor graduate of Tuskegee Institute High School and now a student at Tuskegee Institute.

In announcing the \$1,000 grant, Grand Commissioner George W. Lee of the Elks Department of Education, commented that Miss Saunders has been elected an Elks scholar in recognition of ambition and unusual promise exhibited in her high school record of superiority in scholarship, ability and student activity, and also in recognition of her father for outstanding contribution to the department and meritorious performance for the order for more than 25 years.

This student becomes one among 50 Elks scholars presently enrolled in colleges and universities throughout the nation, and hers is the first Elks scholarship grant to Tuskegee Institute. The Elks have credit for nearly 700 graduates and students under their scholarship projects since institution of this educational program in 1925.

Helen, who was the recipient

also of Lambda Chapter's 1953 Iota Phi Lambda Scholarship Award, in her own right is a "daughter of Elks." Her father, Harold C. Saunders, formerly exalted ruler of Booker T. Washington Lodge, is district director of Elks education and president of the Northern Council of Past Exalted Rulers. He serves also as chairman of trustees for Alabama Elks Association and grand assistant director of public relations. Her mother is Mrs. Hermayne Jones Saunders, a past daughter ruler of Tuskegee's Cosmopolitan Temple of Daughter Elks.

Miss Saunders is a member of the School of Home Economics and plans a career in fashions designing.



ELKS PRESENT CHECK—Dr. Garrett Hardy, grand state director of education for I. B. P. O. E. of W. (Elks Lodge) presented to president L. H. Foster a \$1,000 check from his organization representing a part of a four-year college scholarship awarded to Miss Helen Hermayne Saunders. Miss Saunders is a 1953 honor graduate of the Tuskegee Institute High School and is now enrolled at Tuskegee Institute. Shown left to right are Mrs. Bettye Steele Turner, grand state director of education I. B. P. O. E. of W.; Dr. Hardy; Dr. Foster; Miss Saunders and K. B. Young, principal of the Tuskegee Institute High School.





**ELKS IN PARADE**—Grand officers of the Elks wave fond hellos to fellow "Bills" and onlookers along Auburn ave. in the annual convention parade in Atlanta.

## HOPE OF ATLANTA:

# Convention bared wonderful growth

**B JAMES L. HICKS**

ATLANTA—The Elks 54th convention in Atlanta must be viewed as one of the great and probably the greatest in the history of the organization.

The statement is made against the accepted fact that the convention was much smaller and less spectacular than many others of recent times.

But greatness is not measured by numbers and value is not determined by the spectacular. When the score is tallied the important thing is not how many men a team had on base—it's

how many runs crossed home plate.

### Differs From Former

This is where the importance of the Atlanta convention comes in. This convention, under its Grand Exalted Ruler, Robert Johnson, marked a distinct departure from the Elks conventions under Finley Wilson.

Wilson built the Elks into an organization of the masses which from the standpoint of numbers eventually became one of the strongest of the colored race.

But few people will deny that

the Elks, under Wilson, was at best a sprawling, floundering giant of unknown power, using its strength only at the bidding of its master—and Wilson was the master.

### Finley Was "Program"

The net result was that the program of the Elks was Finley Wilson. The will of the Elks was the will of the Grand Exalted Ruler. What the Elks accomplished was Finley Wilson. And woe be unto any Elk who dared oppose "the Grand."

Mr. Johnson inherited this loosely knit organization at the Atlantic City convention. It is more proper to say he won it in a knockdown dragout fight, which further split the already numerous splinter groups which came into being when Wilson died.

The Atlanta convention proved decidedly that Mr. Johnson has welded these splinter groups into a solid organization.

### Passing No Judgment

This would at first seem to indicate that Mr. Johnson is a man of great administrative

ability. This writer however is not yet ready to accept this theory. **P. 21**

On the contrary it is believed by the writer that Mr. Johnson has very little ability in this direction.

But the writer feels that Mr. Johnson has something which is far more important than administrative ability and that is he has the faculty of bringing people of ability together harmoniously and listening to what they have to say.

This is of especial importance in an organization such as the Elks. Finley Wilson in his spectacular rise to influence had pulled into the Elks hundreds of men of great ability all over the nation.

### Lets Others Carry Ball

They saw in the Elks' mass strength an opportunity to get that Johnson apparently feels the organization and help to fight the battle common to all colored men.

But once inside they found that their ability meant little unless it coincided with the wishes of Finley Wilson.

Johnson apparently, has changed all this. The Atlanta convention indicated that Johnson has decided to let some of the excellent halfbacks on his team carry the ball at times when gains are needed.

### Reynolds' Work Lauded

This was clearly shown in the work of Judge Hobson Reynolds of Philadelphia at the convention.

The nation has long known of the ability of Mr. Reynolds, but up to the Atlanta convention his Civil Liberties Department had left much to be desired.

Atlanta revealed that Mr. Reynolds and his department have actually been at work during the past year, struggling with some of the issues one might expect the department to have struggled with long ago.

The department has entered civil rights lawsuits, contributed money to such cases and conducted a study of conditions of colored troops both in America and Germany during the past year.

### Vote Registration Pushed

Mr. Reynolds' department is not the only one.

Lt. George Lee of Memphis came up with a program in his education department calling for all registered Elks to get a non-registered colored man to register during the coming year.

This is something concrete. This is something which will

benefit the race. This is an area in rivers" if the Supreme Court not yet ready to accept this where the Elks can really serve.

The climate is favorable for service in the Elks. The Elks, under Wilson, were more or less a Republican ward.

It is still a Republican stronghold under Johnson, but he indicated at Atlanta that he is willing as grand exalted ruler to allow the freedom of political movement within the organization which anyone has a right to expect in a democratic society.

### No Silver Platter

With the Republicans in power and the Elks having stuck with them through all the lean years it is only natural that GOP leaders give an attentive ear to Johnson and his followers.

But it is encouraging to note that Johnson apparently feels he was a black man before he was a Republican and that he is unwilling to hand the organization to the Republicans on a silver platter.

There is still much housecleaning to be done in the Elks before it becomes a true representative of the fighting colored man of 1953, instead of the clowning handshaking one of earlier years.

Many of the hacks appointed by Wilson still remain and will offer opposition to any forward program.

But Johnson seems to be completely in control and there are all indications that he will use this control to the best interest of his race.

This was the hope of Atlanta.

## White lashes Talmadge

Tells Elks our vote will double in '56

**By JAMES L. HICKS**

ATLANTA — Walter White rang down the curtain at the Elks 54th annual convention with a blast at Gov. Herman Talmadge and a promise that three million colored people in the south will vote in the elections of 1956.

Mr. White spoke at the final session of the grand lodge on the invitation of Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Johnson. The Atlanta Convention was in session at the Elks' who attempted to obtain a charter to set up a rival grand lodge.

He said that there were colored persons voting in the South in 1952 and that the NAACP working with other groups will increase that number to three million by 1956.

### Modest Goal

He called this a "very modest goal" and said there are still a million colored people in the South.

After his speech the Elks surprised reporters by merely promising "cooperation" with the NAACP.

It had been reported that Mr. White was being brought here to accept a sizeable contribution from the Elks to help in the winning of the school segregation cases for which the NAACP is seeking to raise \$32,000.

When the check was not pre-arranged, reporters were told by a spokesman that "the NAACP will get more money this way than through the presentation of a check."

### 10 Per Cent Program

Following Mr. White's speech the Elks disclosed they will give "financial" and other cooperation to the NAACP in its 10 year fund, raising program.

It had been reported that there would be an outright presentation made in cash to the organization but Judge Hobson Reynolds said the NAACP would get much more money in the long run through the other plan.

Mr. White is reported to have agreed on this.

## Perry Howard at Elks meeting

WASHINGTON

With a favorable Illinois court decision tucked in one pocket and a congratulatory telegram from President Eisenhower in another, Perry W. Howard, grand legal adviser, left last Thursday to attend the 54th annual Elks convention in Atlanta.

Mr. Howard, who has steered the order through its legal tangle for 30 years, had been the president of the Elks since 1923, when he carried Robert H. Johnson, grand exalted ruler, to the convention.

Mr. Howard, a local attorney, obtained an injunction in the U.S. District Court in Northern Illinois against a group of Chicago "Elks" who attempted to obtain a charter to set up a rival grand lodge.



CADILLAC FOR GRAND RULER:

# Elks defer rule to return three top officers to posts

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AFRO Staff Correspondent

ATLANTA, Ga. — Ticking like a well oiled machine in the smoothest running convention they have held in years, the Elks, Wednesday set aside regular rules to elect three of their top ranking officers, after hearing them make three separate and encouraging reports.

Returned to office without opposition were Perry W. Howard of Mississippi, grand legal adviser, Lt. George W. Lee, grand director of education, and Philadelphia's W. C. Hueston Reynolds, grand director of civil liberties.

Grand Exalted Daughter Ruler Nettie Carter Jackson of Staten Island, N.Y. was re-elected to her post Wednesday at the women of the Grand Temple met in their second session. Mrs. Carter was re-elected for a two-year term.

## Also Elected

Mrs. Pearl Brown of Baltimore, was re-elected grand daughter treasurer, and Mrs. Buena Kelly Barry, Norfolk, Va., was re-elected grand daughter secretary. Mrs. Jackson's term was increased to two years by virtue of a resolution changing the rules.

In other activity during the second session grand lodge delegates heard Grand Commissioner of Transportation Albert Redding, Chester, Pa., report that 27 special trains carrying 14,000 Elks had arrived thus far to Atlanta's union station, along with 37 bus excursions and 17 air excursions.

This meant that when the thousands of Elks who arrived here by auto and individual transportation facilities are considered, the convention had lived up to pre-convention predictions that it would pour some 30,000 Elks into the city.

Apparently overjoyed by the reception in the south and how things were going in general, the convention in a liberal mood

voted: to give Grand Exalted Ruler Robert H. Johnson of Philadelphia, a Cadillac car; did not wince at recommending to matter of form.

There had been some rumblings prior to convention time that Reynolds might face opposition, but following Reynolds's comprehensive report on his recent trip abroad where he studied the conditions among colored soldiers in Germany, and inspected the situation among German babies fathered by them, opposition, if there was any, paled into nothingness.

## Chicago Situation

Mr. Howard in his report told of the organization of the situation existing in Chicago where the organization has been forced to obtain an injunction against one of its temples to restrain it from operating as Elks. The matter is now in court.

Mr. Lee reported on the Elks educational program. He stated Elks will begin an "education for freedom month" in September in which all lodges and temples will ask unregistered voters in their community to register and qualify for voting.

The slogan for this campaign will be: "Every Registered Person Get an Unregistered Person to Register."

## Hueston Proposal

The proposal to raise the per capita tax from \$1.60 to \$2 was advanced by Judge W. C. Hueston, grand secretary.

It came after the Elks' report showed they spent \$217,841.88 in 1953 while taking in only \$194,284.24.

This was brought on at Atlantic City last year when the convention voted to raise salaries of certain officials without bothering to figure where additional revenue would be obtained.

The additional 40 cents per member revenue if the proposal is adopted, is expected to take care of this deficit.

## Elks activate police group

ATLANTA, Ga. — One of the new and brighter features of the Grand Lodge of the Elks is its new police department headed by Capt. Milton S. Smith of Philadelphia, commander of the 40th St. and Lancaster ave. station in the Quaker City.

He holds the rank of commissioner in this new department just organized by Grand Exalted Ruler Robert H. Johnson.

Capt. Harvey L. Alston of Columbus, Ohio, is the deputy commissioner. There are three regular police captains, three U.S. Marshalls, as well as a deputy sheriff in the 24-member organization.

There is one woman, Det. Margaret Creswell of Atlantic City, N. J. Purpose of the new group is to provide standard police protection for the grand lodge and its facilities, and activities.

No Personal Bodyguard  
Unlike the former late Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler Johnson has done away with the idea of a personal bodyguard.

The new department was approved by the grand lodge in official session. Its members, in addition to Captains Smith and Alston and Detective Creswell, include:

Capt. John W. Chappell, Charleston, West Va.; Lt. Claude White, Indianapolis, Ind.; Patrick J. Taylor, Harrisburg, Pa.; Lieutenant Wallace S. Williams, Detroit, Mich.; Dets. Everett L. Cooper, Washington; Eugene Parker, James V. Parker and John B. Thompson, Pittsburgh, Pa.; U. S. Marshalls Franklin B. Parker Sr. and Tecumseh Bradshaw of Washington;

Officers Harrison Harney and James Payne, Cleveland, Ohio; Sgt. Mizell Stewart and Arthur Moore, Youngstown, Ohio; Howard McCollum, Washington; Charles Dorsey, Baltimore; John Hartwell and James R. McAllister, Cleveland, Ohio; James Calloway, Omaha, Nebr.; Willie Jones, Midland, Pa. and Deputy Sheriff W. C. Burney, West Palm Beach, Fla.

# Talmadge Aide Rides In Parade

By ETHEL L. PAYNE

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ATLANTA—Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Johnson, of Philadelphia, announced on the eve of the 54th annual convention of the Improved and Benevolent Order of Elks of the World here that he would seek authority to appoint the heads of all departments of the organization.

As sessions got underway this week, indications were this would be the hottest issue of the convention. Previously heads of departments have been elected each year.

These department heads presently include such national figures as Lt. George W. Lee of

ATLANTA, Ga.—When the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World parade here Tuesday in full regalia, their grand exalted ruler, Robert Johnson of Philadelphia rode in the procession with W. W. Burns, secretary to Governor Herman Talmadge.

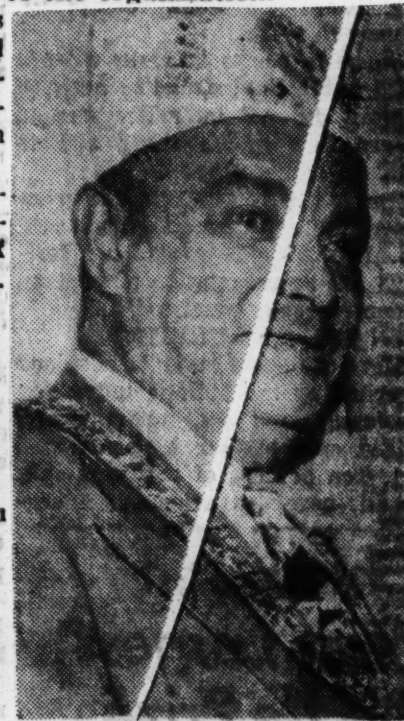
Gov. Talmadge is reported to have made a previous speaking engagement at Carrollton, Ga., which prevented him from personally offering official welcome to the Elks.

Memphis and Hobson Reynolds of Philadelphia. Both attended the Republican National convention in Chicago last summer.

The tall, distinguished Johnson, a native of Philadelphia, said last Friday when he stepped from a plane here, he expected no fireworks because of his proposal to discontinue the election of department heads.

## ROSE IN RANKS

Johnson, 59, succeeded the late J. Finley Wilson as head of the powerful organization. He attended Delaware State college and saw military service in World War I. A Republican, Johnson is leader of the 30th ward in Philadelphia and has been a clerk in the traffic court there for 26 years. The Elk chieftan rose from the ranks, having held every office in the order. He was married last year to Miss Mary Scruggs



ROBERT JOHNSON

of Philadelphia. Other issues to be considered by the Elks this week were:

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1. Creation of J. Finley Wilson Memorial organization: (It would be non-profit and headed for life by the Grand Exalted Ruler and would administer religious and civic projects.)
  2. Creation of a Department of Veterans Activities. This department would concern itself with discriminatory practices in state veteran officers.
  3. Adoption of a department permitting organizing lodges in towns with 5,000 or more Negroes. (The present law provides for organizing in cities of 50,000 or more.)
  4. Creation of a department of Musical and Dramatic Talents. (This department would be designed to encourage youth participation in programs other than education and bolster the Elks

Herd, the Elks' youth group. Approximately 15,000 Elks were welcomed to Atlanta as the 54th annual confab got underway. This marked the first time the group had met in Atlanta or anywhere in the Deep South. The lodge plans a combined male and female membership of nearly a million. The Elks have 1,400 individual lodges and 900 temples and an annual financial turnover of approximately \$40,000,000.

Each of the departments which Johnson is seeking to control is presently autonomous. They are: Education, headed by Lt. George Lee, Memphis; Civil Liberties, Hobson Reynolds, Philadelphia; he Shrine; Health, Dr. Carter Marshall, New Haven; Economics, Dr. Milton Wright; Junior Elks, William Hill, Jr., Public relations Charles P. McClane, and Antlered Guard, headed by Henry Berth.

## MRS. BETHUNE CITED

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, founder of Bethune-Cookman college, was slated to receive the Elijah Lovejoy medal Monday, following a Civil Liberties breakfast. The award, instituted in 1950, is awarded annually by the Elks to the American who makes the greatest contribution to race relations. Past winners include Dr. Ralph J. Bunche and Branch Rickey, assistant to the Grand Exalted Ruler and an organizer in the South. He arranges Johnson's itinerary.

The official opening session of the Grand Lodge was on Tuesday at Atlanta's Municipal auditorium. At noontime, the parade of more than 100 marching units and bands from all over the country took place. The parade, most colorful event of the session, drew a record breaking crowd of more than 60,000 persons.

Daughter Elks, under their Grand Directress, Mrs. Nettie Carter Jackson of Staten Island, N. Y., had their headquarters at the Wheat Street Baptist church. Judge Perry B. Jackson, of Cleveland, grand treasurer, and his wife, celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary at the confab.

A testimonial for Judge William C. Hueston, who has served the Lodge as grand secretary for 28 years, was held Thursday. He is a resident of Washington, D. C. The Elks reported that 675 students have graduated from colleges and universities through Elks scholarships.



## OUR NEGRO COMMUNITY

# Elks Grand Lodge Meet Will Open Here Friday

By CLAUDE GEORGE SR.

Nearly 50,000 persons are expected to attend the National Elks Grand Lodge convention in Atlanta Aug. 21-28.

Rev. Charles W. Peters, Exalted Ruler of Gate-City Lodge No. 54, said there were only a few minor arrangements to be completed.

National Grand Exalted Ruler Robert H. Johnson of Philadelphia will be in charge of the convention. Mrs. Nettie Carter Jackson of Staten Island, N. Y., will be in charge of the Grand Temple.

The Grand Exalted Ruler of the Temple will open the initial meeting at Butler Street YMCA Friday at 8 p. m. On Saturday, the executive board and the Grand Exalted Ruler meet for the first time at 11 a. m. in the Butler Street YMCA.

Memorial services will be held at 5 p. m. Sunday in the Municipal Auditorium, followed by a musical at 8 p. m. On Monday at 3 p. m., there will be a meeting on civil liberties at the auditorium, followed by an oratorical contest at 8 p. m.

Tuesday, Aug. 25, a grand parade will assemble at 11 a. m. at Memorial Drive, S. W., and will proceed up Whitehall St. and Peachtree to Auburn Avenue, terminating at Jackson St. At 10 p. m. the Antler Guards Ball and bathing beauty contest will be held in the city auditorium.

On Aug. 26, the Grand Lodge will make the health presentation at the auditorium. Following the business session on Aug. 27, the Elks will hold their annual formal ball, make awards, and crown the Queen of Grand Temple at 10:30 p. m. in the auditorium. The final session will be held Aug. 28 at the auditorium from 9 a. m. until 12 noon.

Other daily meetings will be held at various churches in the city.

Club. Mrs. F. M. Arnold, chairman; R. L. Andrews Sr., co-chairman, and S. A. Barker, treasurer, are in charge of arrangements.

## Elks Elect E. E. James

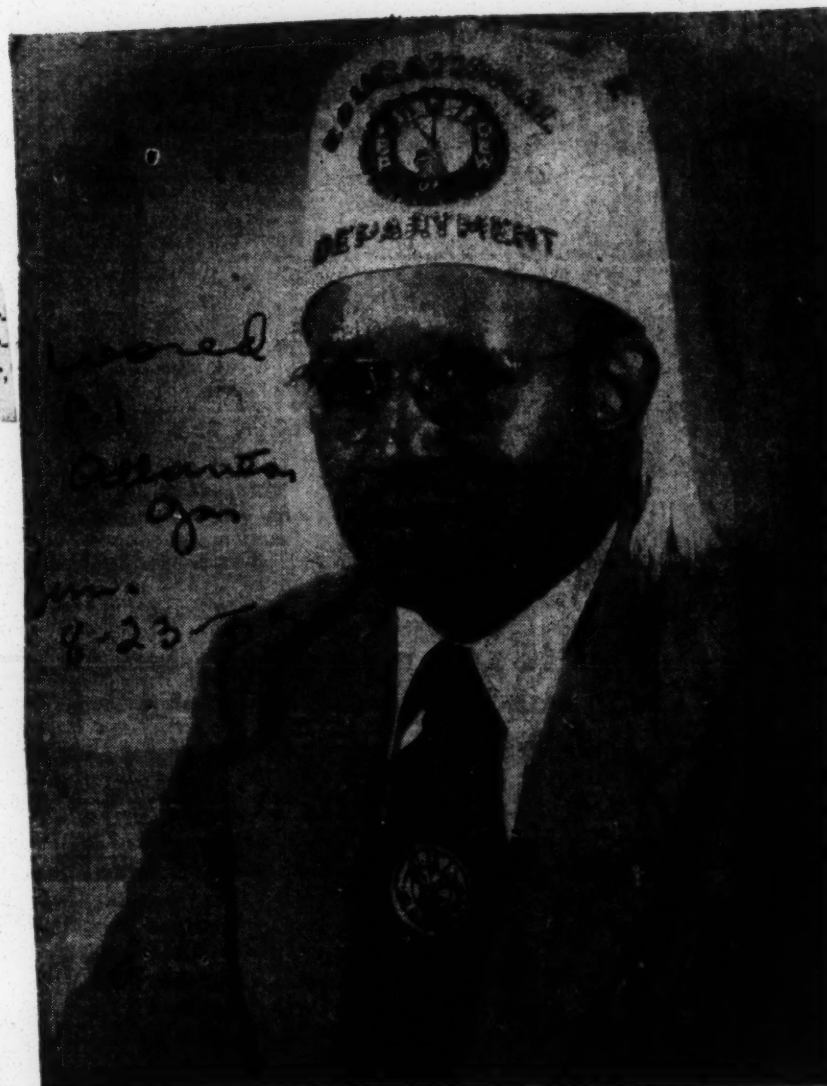
ST. LOUIS, July 6 (AP).—Earl E. James, an Oklahoma City attorney, was elected today as grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and denounced what he termed a trend toward government paternalism in America.

Mr. James, who was unopposed for the office, will be installed Friday at the closing session of the organization's eighty-ninth grand lodge convention. He succeeds Sam Stern, of Fargo, N. D.

In a prepared speech, Mr. James said America's prestige abroad has been lowered by the "aping of old world methods and adopting their plans for government."

"Our country is the only one in the whole world where the individual man has natural, personal rights that can require every person, including the government, to respect and observe," he said.

"If we make our government work, communism and other freak ideas will find little support here."



CHARLES W. PETERS,

Grand Exalted Ruler, Gate City Lodge, No. 54

## Elks Throng Gate City For 54th Convention

By MARION E. JACKSON

They're here!

And the cry "Hello Bill" is on everyone's lips.

Atlantans are pouring out a heartfelt welcome to the 54th National Convention of the Elks which opens today with services at Big Bethel AME, Butler St. CME, Liberty Baptist, and the city auditorium.

An avalanche of Elks, with the final tally to pass the 30,000 mark, have arrived in this Gate City of the South for a week-long schedule of merry-making.

No disharmony mars the ranks of the I. B. P. O. E. of W., and Grand Exalted Ruler Robert H. Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa., head of

the biggest fraternal order of America, insists "there'll be no fireworks."

He insisted "Peace and Harmony exist within our ranks, and except for a few brothers who have not done their jobs, no heads will roll." Grand Daughter Ruler Nettie Carter Jackson, Staten Island, New York, is also stressing the harmony theme. First major event of the convention

will be the appearance of Rev. Blair T. Hunt, principal of Booker T. Washington High School in Memphis, who will preach the baccalaureate sermon at Big Bethel AME Church at 11, A. M. today. A gospel festival at the auditorium tonight will conclude the first convention day.

Monday at the City Auditorium, Rev. V. Stanton, Atlanta, American Bible Society, will deliver the Cap and Gown Installation address. Monday night, Robert J. Blakely, will speak at the national oratorical contest at the auditorium.

Also on Monday's calendar is the Youth Department Athletic and Field Day which will be held in Morris Brown's Herndon Stadium. Competition involving various Junior Herds of the jurisdiction will include the Monarch Junior Herd of New York City and the Conestoga

Junior Herd of Lancaster, Pa., who were winners in Atlantic City, last year.

Atlantans will get a look at the longest convention parade in the city's history Tuesday when delegations from all over the United States and its possessions join in a four-hour parade featured by bands, floats and marching units of the "Antlered Herd."

Rev. Charles W. Peters, chairman of the convention committee, and Grand Exalted Ruler of Gate City Lodge No. 54, has expressed delight with the rampant Elk fever that prevails in the city. He has also hailed the completion of the \$50,000 addition to the lodge which is serving as headquarters.

John H. Calhoun, chairman of the Housing Committee, has been feverishly working to install delegates in the 12,000 homes processed

for the convention.

Today's program of the lodge is as follows:

Sunday, Aug. 23 -- Baccalaureate sermon, Bethel AME church; health program, Liberty Baptist church; Shrine program, Shaw Temple; Junior Herd meeting; Butler Street AME church; Past Grand Daughter Ruler's Council Meeting; joint annual sermon and memorial services, City Auditorium, and gospel musical, also at the City Auditorium.

Monday, Aug. 24 -- Annual cap and gown breakfast; civil liberties department breakfast, YMCA; civil liberties meeting, auditorium, and oratorical contest, auditorium.





ROBERT H. JOHNSON,

Grand Exalted Ruler — Philadelphia, Pa.

## Negro Elks Constitution Gather for P. 11 Convention Atlanta

More than 1,000 delegates had registered Friday night for the Negro National Grand Lodge Elks convention, and at least 50,000 more are expected to fill the city by noon Tuesday, time for the grand parade.

National Elks officials from 48 states were filing by registration desks at the local Elks Home, 315 Auburn Ave., N. E., Friday night before opening of Executive Board meetings Saturday morning.

Registration of Grand Daughters (ladies' auxiliary) will begin at 5 p. m. Saturday at the Au-

burn Ave. headquarters.

The convention will open officially at 11 a. m. Sunday with the baccalaureate service at Big Bethel AME Church, 200 Auburn Ave., N. E., when the Rev. Blair T. Hunt of Memphis will deliver the sermon; Municipal Auditorium will be official headquarters of the convention throughout the week.

This is the first time the Grand Lodge has held a national convention in the deep South. The only other convention held in the South was at Richmond, Va., several years ago.

The convention's "big day" will be Tuesday, when the delegates march through city streets in a four-hour parade, beginning noon, according to C. W. Peters, general chairman of activities.

Robert H. Johnson of Philadelphia, Pa., grand exalted ruler of the lodge, and Mrs. Nettie Carter Jackson of Staten Island, N. Y., ruler of the Grand Daughters, were among early arrivals Fri-

day for Saturday's executive planning sessions.

Among other activities Sunday will be a memorial service at 5 p. m. in the Municipal Auditorium and a musical program at the auditorium at 8 p. m.

## U. S. Best Place For Negro, Lodge Convention Told

ATLANTA, Aug. 24 (AP) — A Philadelphia Negro judge declared today "America is the only country in the world for Negroes to live in."

Judge Hobson R. Reynolds told the opening session of the National Negro Elks convention that he found this out touring five European countries.

He said also that he found in a tour of military establishments here and abroad that elimination of racial segregation is producing "better soldiers, Negro and white."

He and other speakers asserted that Negroes in America enjoy living standards and privileges found nowhere else in the world.

One spokesman said that more than anything else, Negroes have learned to stand up and demand their rights under the Constitution.

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, founder of a college bearing her name at Daytona Beach, Fla., told the delegates they must "stand always for the right and face each problem confronting Negroes squarely."

Dr. Bethune received the Elks' Elijah Lovejoy award for helping to better racial relations.

## Negro Elks Constitution End Session, P. 11 Praise City

Delegates to the five-day Negro Elks convention packed their suitcases Friday and began their exodus from Atlanta after closing sessions in which they lauded their "glorious reception" in the city and listened to an address by the head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The convention closed after unanimous adoption of a resolution praising Atlanta hospitality and extending "heartly thanks

and appreciation" for the delegates' reception.

NAACP president Walter White of Washington, in an unscheduled talk, called on the delegates to continue the fight for abolition of segregation in "one great effort against discrimination based on race and color."

### RUMORED EARLIER

White's appearance had been rumored since the convention opened Monday but had not been confirmed. The address was not on the schedule of events.

In other last-day action the convention established a department of veterans' affairs and named Dr. Adolphus W. Anderson of Philadelphia commissioner.

Grand Exalted Ruler Robert H. Johnson of Philadelphia said the department would work to improve the condition of Elk war veterans. Anderson is a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, having served with the field artillery in Europe during World War I.

Herman Fernandez of Boston was elected to replace L. W. Wilson of Valdosta as grand titler (chief ritualistic officer).

### OTHER RESOLUTIONS

The convention also adopted resolutions urging the federal government to continue efforts to abolish segregation, commending the armed forces for steps already taken to end segregation, urging Negro Elks to use their balloting franchise, commending the truce in Korea and praising fighting men of all nations and races who fought against "Communist aggressors."

Friday afternoon and night the delegates began leaving the city for their homes over the nation. Rufus Johnson, grand lodge secretary, said he did not know how many Elks attended the convention, but it was estimated that at least 30,000 attended the parade here Tuesday.

## Negro Elks Say Thanks To Talmadge

ATLANTA — Negro Elks Friday officially lauded their "gracious" convention reception here after their leaders had gone around personally to thank Gov. Herman Talmadge

for the welcome to the city and state.

The leaders, made a thank-you call on Talmadge, "white supremacy" champion and unbending advocate of racial segregation.

The convention, meantime, heard a surprise address by a Negro leader with whom the governor has had acid exchanges over segregation and itself scored segregation.

The speaker was Walter White, head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who appeared without previous announcement. He urged "one great effort" to clean up remaining "discrimination and segregation based on race and color."

White declared that the expressed fears of some Southern White leaders, including Talmadge, that the end of segregation in schools would bring bloodshed had not materialized in universities admitting Negroes.

The convention adopted resolutions on both its Atlanta reception and segregation at its closing session.

The one on Atlanta hospitality said:

"Many citizens and residents of Atlanta have extended courtesies to the members of this order, particularly the mayor (William B. Hartsfield) and chief of police (Herbert T. Jenkins) . . . and the press and radio."

## State Elk heads honor 'Grand'

ATLANTA — Twenty-six state presidents of Elks' Associations came in for a special raise from national officials as well as their own constituents when they entertained Grand Exalted Ruler Robert H. Johnson, his cabinet and the press at a cozy dinner party in the swank Waluhajue Apartments.

They included:

Bertram V. Gregory, Michigan; James M. Stewart, N. C.; Dr. L. W. Williams, Georgia; C. D. Denton, South Carolina; Dr. A. L. Frazier, Illinois; James Dickerson, Missouri; Dr. Henry W. Jones, Ohio; Jesse I. Vann, New York; N. E. Tilman, Iowa; Ernest J. Wright, Alabama;

### Others Named

Frank McIntosh, Washington; M. H. Hadmott, Texas; F. H. Stith, Kentucky; Dr. Adolphus

W. Anderson, Pa.; Pennsylvania; F. H. Miller, Mississippi; Charles Scott, Indiana; the Rev. K. P. Battles, North Carolina; James E. Derrick, Tennessee; William P. Melyin, New Jersey; Albert Bethune Sr., Florida; Dr. Carter L. Marshall, Connecticut; Junius L. Gilbert, West Virginia; J. F. Simmons, Virginia; Lawrence A. Young, Louisiana; Dr. Bernard Harris, Sr., Maryland, and G. E. Van-Hook, Arkansas.



# WALTER WHITE FORGES NAACP, ELKS LINK AGAINST JIMCROW

## NAACP Leader Raps Bigotry In Speech Before Elks Meet

BY MARION E. JACKSON

ATLANTA, Ga. — (SNS) —

Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP, told the closing session of the 54th national Elks convention that Governor Herman Talmadge was more confident that "we're going to win the South Carolina school segregation suit than our lawyers," and declared that if his organization didn't win, the case would be carried to the Supreme Court again, again and again.

Grand Exalted Ruler Robert H. Johnson introduced the noted civil rights fighter to the final session, and pledged that 500,000 Elks will stand side by side with the N. A. A. C. P. in its struggle for complete equality.

Hobson Reynolds, grand director of civil liberties, urged the organization to support the NAACP and "to stand up and be counted in the equality struggle whether in Georgia, Mississippi or Rhode Island or wherever bigotry and prejudice exists."

### SPEEDY APPROVAL

Joseph H. Brown, O. V. Catto Lodge, Philadelphia, Ja., introduced a motion to cooperate with the N. A. A. C. P. in its fight for complete emancipation. His motion was speedy approval.

Charles W. Peters, exalted ruler of Gate City Lodge No. 54, was appointed Grand Historian, a move that won Georgia a place in the ruling hierarchy of the national grand lodge.

Lemuel Foster, New York, who in behalf of the Payroll Savings Bond division of the U. S. Treasury Department and brought greetings from Secretary George Humphrey.

### APPOINT OFFICERS

The grand exalted ruler in his final official appearance announced his complete slate of national officers. They were: Capt. Milton Smith, grand police commissioner;

Rev. H. Collins Lee, grand chaplain; Lionel Hampton, grand bandmaster; A. W. Hill, grand director of Junior Herd; Charles McClane, director of public relations; Milton S. Wright, grand director of Economics; John Minkin, grand reporter; Ike Styker, grand organist; S. R. Houchins, grand master of social sessions; Albert A. Reading, grand commissioner of transportation; Dr. Carter Marshall, grand medical director; James T. Cooper, assistant grand secretary; Harley L. Harris, Grand Esteemed Knight; J. B. Martin, grand director of athletics; Henry Berth, Lt. Gen. Antlered Guard; Hillman Harley, assistant Lt. Gen. Antlered Guard; Samuel Hutchins, master of Social Sessions; James A. Fultz, grand director of Bathing Beauties; A. W. Anderson, Commissioner of Inter-Affairs; George W. Lee, Commissioner of Education; Simpson A. Smith, Grand Director of Awards; and several lesser appointments.

### CHEERING ENTHUSIASM

The speech of NAACP leader brought the crowd to cheering enthusiasm. Mr. White said: All of us should join in one great effort to clean up all remaining discrimination and segregation based upon race and color. The NAACP has announced a ten-year campaign, 1953-1963, to wipe out second class citizenship so that the 100th anniversary of Emancipation Proclamation will find no citizens who do not enjoy equality in our democra-

cy."

White assailed Gov. Talmadge for the statement that "blood will flow in rivers" if the Supreme Court ruled public segregation unconstitutional.

### STATE UNIVERSITIES

He declared, "Not on drops of blood, even a fist fight, has flowed as result of Negroes attending state universities with whites in the south, or of integration of public schools in certain states like southern New Jersey, southern Illinois, Indiana and Arizona."

Mr. White said there were 1,300,000 colored persons voting in 1952 and that the NAACP working with other groups will increase that number to three million by 1956.

He said this was a "very modest goal," in calling attention to the nine to ten million Negroes living in the South.

### RIPPED TALMADGE

The NAACP chieftain then ripped into Gov. Talmadge, Gov. Byrnes and Gov. Hugh White of Mississippi. He told the Elks "these reactionaries are merely using a delaying action to gain a little time in the fight. Talmadge has no notion of winning neither has Byrnes. The South is much further along than we think because of industrialization, unsegregated army unit and unsegregated school." White insisted that the fight against school segregation was "much more than a legal fight. He described it as a four-pronged fight involving legal, education, public opinion and voting."

White hailed the Elks' visit in Atlanta as "the most wholesome thing in America." He said: "Ten years ago the Elks parading in Atlanta would not have been possible. But the credit goes to the organization affair which might have been ridiculed or greeted in silence."



**RECEIVES HIGH HONOR** — Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune is shown receiving the coveted Elks Lovejoy Award from Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Johnson as Judge Hobson Reynolds, director of Civil Liberties, looks on. — (Photo by Alexander Adams)

## Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Wins Coveted Elks' Lovejoy Award

BY GEORGE M. COLEMAN

Mary McLeod Bethune was awarded the Elks Lovejoy medal yesterday.

She, the first woman to receive the honor, accepted with an emotional burst of thanks from an audience that included such dignitaries as Perry Howard, Mrs. Ruth Mueller and Judge William C. Hueston, and then shouted to the rafters.

"Go back and tell them that here in the South, we are not only rising but are standing on our feet like men and women!"

### ENTERS IN HONOR

Mrs. Bethune had entered the Municipal Auditorium in pageantry and honor of the kings of the ancient past. She came in about seven

minutes after the session of the Civil Liberties committee opened. America. The audience was and to her black gown and a smile great American. She held her head just a little proudly while he read her past history, and smiled openly when he asserted, "She is a founder of many organizations, and a daughter Elks. Here comes Mrs. Bethune."



of great fame."

And then she stood, and a quiet, expectant audience heard her say recently:

"My heart is very full."

But here was the end of calm even before it began. and Mary Bethune, who had chalked up so many victories touched her audience until exclamations like those heard in church burst forth from a surprised but apparently pleased group of listeners.

"This is a moment," she breathed, "when I wish very much I could go aside and weep to my heart's content for gratitude for the opportunity of years to build brick upon brick until I have reached this honor."

## Atlanta Welcomes The Negro Elks

Some 30,000 delegates of the National Negro Elks Lodge are in convention in Atlanta. We welcome them.

Atlanta always makes a good impression, even on those Negroes who do not agree with certain laws and customs which slowly are being changed by the strongest law of all—public opinion.

In this connection, we note that Judge Hobson Reynolds, of Philadelphia, a Negro with a fine success background, said in an opening address that Negroes in America enjoy living standards and privileges found nowhere else in the world. "I found in touring five countries in Europe that America is the only country in the world for Negroes to live in," he said.

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, famed educational leader, told delegates they "must stand always for the right and face each problem confronting Negroes squarely." We agree with that. To face problems squarely implies a stand which is both pragmatic and honest, and not theoretical or distorted.

No Southerner of good will today, however much he may differ with others on method, believes in second-rate citizenship for any person under the American flag.

So we welcome the Elks. We trust that no person of either race will allow fools of either to precipitate any incident which might bring discredit on the city or the convention.

# 41 Students Enrolled On Elks' Scholarships

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The scholarship roll for 1953-54 released by George W. Lee, Grand Commissioner of Education for the Elks, shows 41 boys and girls who are studying under the benefit of the IBPOE of W.

The Elks Department of Education, organized in 1927 by Judge William C. Huston, has provided more than 650 college and university scholarships for its winners.

Lieutenant Lee states that scholarships have not only been given to this year's contest winners, but to a number of other young men and women who are exceptionally endowed but are unable to finance a college education.

In addition to the scholarship program the Elks are making progress in their first step to stamp out illiteracy in America by operating a number of night schools throughout the country, carrying on a program of adult education.

Students on the scholarship roll this year are as follows: Mattie Mae Bivins, Albany State college; Gloria Freeman, Talladega college; Thelma Reynolds Cherry, Cheyney State college; Joseph Hayes, Howard university; Charles Jones, Morris Brown college; Shirley McWorter, Fenn college; Ardeth Perins, University of Iowa.

Endilee Pinder, Bethune-Cookman; William H. Pitts, jr., Howard university; Roland Randall, Morgan State college; Herman E. Reeder, Howard university; Behelrine Shaw, Ohio State university; Helen H. Saunders, Tuskegee institute; Nathaniel Hueston Taylor, Howard university; Beulah M. Thomas, Seattle university; Herbert K. Wilson, Howard university.

Bessie Smith, West Virginia State Eugene Walton, University of Washington; Boutine Parker,

Xavier university; LaVonne Ingraham, University of Colorado; Yvonne King, Howard university; Norman C. Amaker, Amherst col-

lege; Ralph Leon Fickling, Notre Dame university.

Deloris Adams, Bell State Teachers college; Elsa Leona Ingraham, Bethune-Cookman college; James H. Lattimer, Indiana university; Doris Crain, Southern university; Samuel L. Armfield, Virginia State college Ernest M. Thomas, jr., Xavier university; Jessie Marie Simmons, Xavier university; Gabriel William Solomon, University of California; Harriett Highsmith, Fisk university; Katie Weaver, Bethune-Cookman college.

Jane Walter, Wayne university; Janice Swanson, Augustuna college; Beverly Woods, Fisk university; Huey Shepherd, Long Beach State college; Gene Braxton, Lincoln university Eleanor Ellis, University of California; Russelyn James, New York university; Richard Rodgers, Franklin Marshall college.



# Chicago Leader Forms New Group

Alleged "high-handed methods" of Mrs. Nettie Carter Jackson, grand daughter ruler of the Elks in Washington, D.C., and Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Johnson have been given as the reason for formation of a new order by its leader, former head of a Chicago Temple.

Miss Jessie Fisher, who said she was a member of Warden Temple in Chicago for 15 years and daughter ruler for six and a half years, charged that Mrs. Jackson and Johnson sent representatives from the national office into Warden Temple to override and displace her without cause. Johnson succeeded the late J. Finley Wilson.

Miss Fisher claimed that funds were voted out for traveling expenses of national officers without her approval and that the lodge deviated from its main purpose of charitable work.

Indications of a split in the ranks of the daughter Elks came last week when announcement was made of the formation of a new order in Chicago with charter rights to organize chapters in all states.

The new lodge reportedly will be known as the Independent Benevolent United Order of Elks of the World, Inc., with Miss Fisher as the new Grand Daughter Ruler.

In reply to Miss Fisher's statement, when asked for comment, Thomas English, longtime deputy grand exalted ruler under the late J. Finley Wilson, admitted that there was dissension in some of the temples in Chicago. He added, "Miss Fisher is out to make trouble and we will have to put a stop to it." He said he had no knowledge of the formation of a new order.

A high official in the parent body of the Daughter Elks said Mamie Baugh, vice-daughter ruler, and was confined to only one of the 10 temples in Chicago. She said she knew nothing about the new organization.



JESSIE FISHER

Champion Money-Raiser

Under her administration, Miss Fisher said that she was the champion money raiser of the order and that she had swelled the coffers of Warden Temple to more than \$6,000.

She stated that the new lodge will carry out a program of charitable work, health, and civil rights, with emphasis on aid to Roosevelt college and to crippled children. The order is being represented by the law firm of Locktan and Wolfe in Chicago.

Miss Fisher named as officers in the new organization, Mrs. body of the Daughter Elks said Mamie Baugh, vice-daughter ruler; Mrs. Louise Stanford, assistant daughter ruler; Mrs. Narcissus Brown, treasurer; Mrs. Rose Price, chaplain; and Mrs. Louise Williams, secretary.

Miss Fisher also announced that Hyde Park No. 1, a men's group, would be affiliated with her organization.

## Tuskegee Lodge Promotes Welfare

TUSKEGEE, Ala., Feb. 19 — AFGE Lodge No. 110 of Tuskegee is not only interested in bettering working conditions of government employees, but also in the general welfare of its community. This has been evidenced by the following information released by the new president, Chaplain H. J. C. Bowden.

The organization has been keenly aware of, and interested in these needs but it was only after a successful popularity contest last November (spearheaded by L. W. Hemmons) that money was available to render these services. Immediately the lodge set an appreciable percentage of the proceeds aside for welfare work.

The specially appointed welfare committee sought consultation from the chief representatives of the community social agencies and were given a confidential list of families needing help but who did not come within the purview of public social agencies.

AFGE selected five family groups for a distribution of close to \$100 at Christmas time. The money supplied groceries, school books, clothing, and a few toys.

For the month of February, the organization sponsored a loan, endorsed by one of the social agencies, to help a family join the father who is a veteran overseas. In order to be eligible these families came under one of the following three groups, or all: (1) Family of a VA Hospital employee, (2) Family of a veteran, and (3) Member of the Tuskegee community.

The lodge is starting a 90-day membership campaign on March 1 under the direction of L. W. Hemmons. VA employees who join the organization may have the satisfaction of seeing their 75 cents a month serve two ways — improving working conditions, and helping a neighbor when he needs it most.

Mrs. E. E. Stokes is publicity committee chairman.

# Pacific Coast Elks To Hold 23rd Session In San Diego June 10-14

By LAWRENCE F. LAMAR

LOS ANGELES — (NPS) — All signs point to San Diego during the first half of the month of June, where the antlered herds of the Pacific State Association of Independent Benevolent Order of Elks of the World will convene for a four-day session, June 10-14.

Clementine McDuff Lodge 598 will host the association meet the 23rd annual convocation. State and their lodges which are members of Pacific States association include Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, California and the Hawaiian Islands.

EXPECTS 10,000

The order for the San Diego meeting this year was given by the association president, E. Preston Greene. It is predicted that this year's meet will attract upwards of 10,000 visitors with more than 500 delegates in attendance.

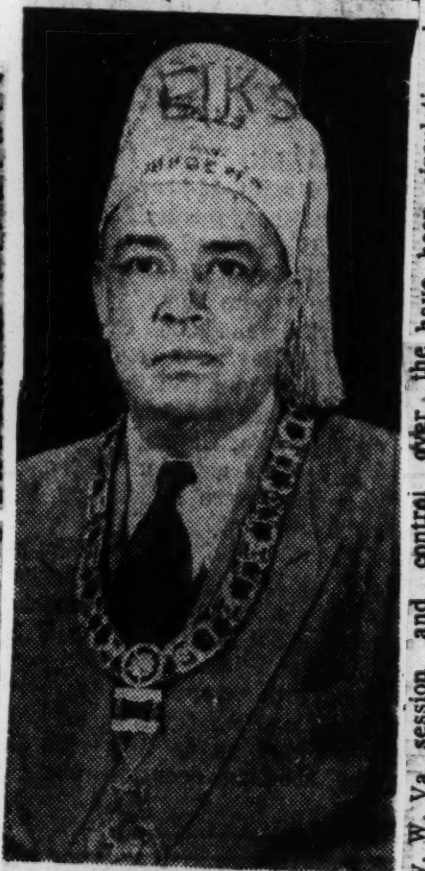
The Grand Lodge will be represented by at least one grand officer in the person of Henry Davis, Grand Esquire. W. Hill, Pacific States secretary, Robert "Bob" Strauther, Pacific States Public Relations officer, and Brig. Gen. Mathew L. Liscomb, in charge of Pacific States marching units, are all busily engaged in putting things in top shape for the meet.

BIG WELCOME

In addition to the serious business of this year's most important convention, officers and members of host Clementine McDuff lodge are planning a most attractive welcome to the visiting lodge members and their friends. All kinds of entertainment will be in order. The golf tournament expects to put out a field of 100 men and women golfers seeking an array of attractive prizes.

# Elk Chief Denies Loss Of Shrines

WASHINGTON — Pausing here en route to Virginia and North Carolina last week, Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Johnson of Philadelphia, head of the nation's Elks, denied that the country's biggest and most powerful fraternal order has lost two of its shrines, worth hundreds of thousands of dollars.



ROBERT JOHNSON

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have been circulating about the time the order has ever met so on the site of the famed John shrine property in New York City. Judge Hueston said the financial condition of the Grand conventions last week included: Virginia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and this week, New York State at Albany.

Elks are busy holding state conventions and preparing for the coming Grand Lodge sessions, August 23-29 in Atlanta, Ga., first

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## Dedication of Village Planned

# Brown Farm Is Scene Of Elksdom's July 4

Sat. 7-4-53

HARPER'S FERRY, W. Va.—July Fourth will be an extra "big day" for this historic mountain town, for on that day the IBPO Elks of the World will break ground for "Cabin Village," with the Pennsylvania State Association of Elks leading the way.

It presages the erection of some fifty cabins, each named for a state of the union, with a lofty "Freedom Tower" capped by a perpetual burning light, in the center of the development.

It is being done on the site of the John Brown Farm, national shrine of the Elks, and home of those who struck the first blow for freedom of United States slaves.

**SPARKPLUGGING** the mammoth demonstration here July 4 are Grand Exalted Ruler Robert H. Johnson of Philadelphia, and Grand Daughter Ruler Nettie C. Jackson of Staten Island, N. Y. chief architects of the entire program, however, are Judge William C. Hueston, Grand Secretary, and Charles P. McClane, Grand Director of Public Relations.

More than fifteen hundred Elks and Daughter Elks will be here for the activities which will take up the entire day.

"Cabin Village" will be situated just across from the Elks' recreation hall erected two years ago. This hall seats 1,500 persons.

**THE JOHN** Brown Farm project is now past the planning stage and offers a haven for Elks.

The Elks bought the original John Brown farm site several years ago when the late J. Finley Wilson was Grand Exalted Ruler. It was purchased for the express purpose of being converted into an improved national shrine for Elks.

## Elks Elect Jersey Citian President

James Fultz Loses  
By 13 Votes; New  
Program Outlined

**ASBURY PARK** — Victory was the payoff for William P. Melvin of Jersey City in his third bid for the presidency of the New Jersey state organization of Elks.

Climaxing a hard, bitter fight which dominated the first days of the four-day 30th annual convention here and in Neptune, he won over incumbent president James H. Fultz, Newark, by a vote of 74 to 61.

Melvin, who has been an Elk for 19 years, carried into office with him practically a new slate of officers.

The only two holdovers from the old regime are an outer guard and a member of the board of trustees.

### Five-Point Program

Following his election, which put an end to the nine-year rule of Fultz, Melvin announced a five-point program which he plans to put into effect.

The program is:

1. Revision of the Elks' state constitution.
2. Adoption of a planned budget.
3. Revision of the financial department, with quarterly financial reports.
4. Establishment of a four-year college scholarship award for some worthy boy or girl.
5. Strengthening of the civil liberties department of the state

organization.

He said he will depend upon the support of the newly elected state officers to put the program into effect.

### Other Officers

The officers are:  
John Harding, Trenton, first promised a ruling on whether vice president; John McNeal, Plainfield, second vice president; M. Drew, Camden, third vice president;

Arthur Ragland, Red Bank, financial secretary; John A. Whitaker, Newark, treasurer; Douglas Hudson, Plainfield, esquire; A. Savage, Salem, outer guard; Kingdom Reeby, Red Bank, and John Malborn, Jersey City, trustees.

The new state president is a member of the Pride of Jersey City lodge No. 22. He is trustee and commander of the drum and bugle corps of this unit.

Also, he is first scribe of the past exalted rulers' council No. 17. He also is a member of King Solomon lodge of Masons.

Married, Melvin has been a resident of Jersey City for 30 years. He is a member of Metropolitan AME Zion church, 37 Virginia ave., where he serves as assistant chairman of the board of trustees.

He is employed as foreman by the Ideal Plumbing supply company.

The convention, attended by several thousand delegates and visitors, ended with a grand parade.

Convention headquarters were in the Carver Hotel, Neptune. Business sessions were at the Joseph T. Newman lodge hall here.

The grand ball was held at St. Peter Claver Catholic church hall, and the business session at Bethel ME and St. Stephen's AME church.

## Talmadge To Parade With Elks

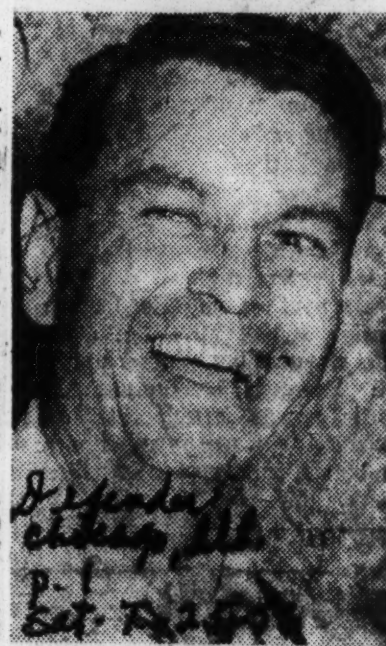
**PHILADELPHIA** — Gov. Herman Talmadge of Georgia and Robert Johnson of this city, grand exalted ruler, will ride side by side in the lead car when the Elks have their annual parade in Atlanta Sunday Aug. 23.

The announcement was made

this week by Trezzvant W. Anderson, publicity director for the Independent Benevolent Order of Elks of the World which holds its annual convention in Atlanta August 23-28.

This will be the first time in the 54 year history of the order that a national convention has been held in the South.

## Side By Side



GOV. TALMADGE



RULER JOHNSON

According to Anderson, Talmadge has accepted the invitation extended him by Johnson to ride in the lead car of the parade which is the colorful highlight of the convention each year.

Anderson reportedly sent Johnson a \$10 bill last May when the Elk grand ruler celebrated his 59th birthday. The Georgia governor has been one of the most controversial figures in modern American history because of his staunch racist stand.

Mayor William B. Hartsfield of Atlanta will also ride in the parade, Anderson said.

Meanwhile, in Washington, Mrs. Jean Clore-Jones, grand directress of promotions, said plans have been completed for a huge gospel singing festival to be held Sunday night, Aug. 23.

The event, scheduled for Atlanta's municipal auditorium, will feature the Ward Singers, with

the famous Clara Ward, the Humming Birds, the Angelic Gospel Singers of Washington, and a 500-voice chorus of singers from Elks' lodges and temples all over the country.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in 1951, became the first major Negro organization to hold a convention in Atlanta.

Mayor Hartsfield drew wide acclaim at that time for his hospitality to the conventioners.

## 6,000 DELEGATES

## Negro Elks Gather for Convention

More than 1,000 Negro delegates to the 54th annual convention of the National Grand Lodge, scheduled to begin here Friday night, have already arrived in Atlanta, local Elks officials said.

Six thousand delegates and their alternate and personnel of more than 100 marching units which will appear in a grand parade Tuesday, officials reported. More than 30,000 is expected during the convention.

Initial meeting of the convention, scheduled to end at noon next Friday, will be a committee meeting at 9 p. m. Friday at the Butler Street YMCA, for the directress of the Grand Temple, the Elks auxiliary. She is Mrs. Nettie Carter Jackson of Staten Island, N. Y.

Second business session of the convention is scheduled at 11 a. m. Saturday when the execu-

five board of the grand exalted Street Baptist Church. The parade Tuesday will include 100 marching units and bands from all over the country, and will begin at noon. Other convention highlights are Elks' education department at 11 a. m. Sunday. The Rev. B. T. a gospel musical program at 8 p. m. Sunday. The Country Club; a big show at 8 p. m. Tuesday at the new Lincoln in the municipal auditorium. The Country Club; a big show at 8 p. m. Tuesday at Herndon Stadium, and a grand oratorical contest at 8 p. m. Monday at the municipal auditorium.

Opening session of the Grand Temple, the Elks auxiliary will meet at the Wheat



## PYTHIAN COLOR BAR ISSUE

Assembly Is Expected to Vote  
Against Bias Today

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ALBANY, March 3—The Assembly is scheduled to approve tomorrow a bill amending the state charter of the Knights of Pythias, a fraternal benevolent order, to repeal a provision barring membership to all but white persons. It will be the first time the legislature has voted to end a discriminatory practice in a social organization.

The bill, requested by the Grand Lodge, was introduced by Assemblyman Leonard Farbstein, Democrat of Manhattan.

A second bill that would outlaw discriminatory membership requirements based on race or color in all fraternal and benevolent organizations is scheduled to be killed in committee because of many protests that have been received. This broader measure was also urged on the Legislature by the Knights of Pythias.

Senator MacNeil Mitchell, Republican of Manhattan, who introduced the broader bill in the upper house, said today that he would amend it to conform with the Farbstein Bill slated for action tomorrow. This will amount to a complete substitution of the Farbstein proposal for the broader bill in the Senate.

For more than two years the State Lodge has been in controversy with the national organization over racial membership bars.

## Whites-Only Clause KO'd By N.Y. State

ALBANY, N.Y. — An old law in New York State has stricken a "whites only" membership clause from the state charter of the Knights of Pythias.

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The 56,000-member lodge in 1950 asked the national organization to strike the word "white" from its membership application after the supreme lodge refused, the state members withheld per capita dues.

Assemblyman Leonard Farbstein (D., Man.) introduced the bill.

## Pythians To Meet In Hot Springs

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — The 37th biennial session of the supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, and Court of Calanthe, will convene here Aug. 16-21, with some 4,000 delegates from 70 states expected to attend.

According to Dr. H. H. Phipps, leader in the lodge in Hot Springs, the confab will be in the nature of a "Homecoming" celebration.

The national order is meeting for the first time since the Mason-Dixon line.

The Court of Calanthe is the Women's division of the lodge.

The convention voted to come to Hot Springs at Detroit in 1951 when invitations were extended from then Gov. Sid McMath and Mayor Floyd A. Housley.

# KP's Draw 2,000 To Hot Springs

By ETHEL PAYNE

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — The 37th biennial session of the Supreme Lodge and Court of Pythias drew more than 2,000 delegates here this week from all over the country.

Headquarters for the convention were at the Knights of Pythias hotel and bathhouse. Memorial services and the Courts of Calanthe meetings were held at Visitors Chapel AME church. The convention was addressed by ex-governor Sid McMath of Arkansas and Mayor Floyd Housley of Hot Springs.

Supreme Lodge officers are R. A. Hester, supreme chancellor; Dallas, Texas; A. G. Gaston, supreme vice-chancellor, Birmingham, Ala.; A. S. Jackson, supreme past-chancellor; J. W. Hair, supreme prelate Jackson, Miss.; J. Allen Reese, supreme lecturer, Venice, Cal.; T. G. Nutter, supreme master of the exchequer; A. S. Jackson, Texas; Benjamin H. Crockett, Illinois; and B. L. Goines, Florida, members of the Pythian Bath House Commission; J. Will Cooper, supreme keeper of records and seals, Detroit; Dr. W. O. Taylor, supreme master at arms, Boston; A. B. Broady, supreme inner guard, Jersey City, N. J.; Wilbert J. Jackson, supreme outer guard, Baltimore; James A. Allen, major general, Philadelphia; Scovel Richardson, Supreme attorney, St. Louis; and F. A. Young, chairman, committee audit and finance, Little Rock.

Meeting in conjunction with the Supreme Lodge was the dramatic order, Knights of Omar. Better known as "Doko," they correspond to the Shriners and devote their efforts mostly to support of civic organizations. They also are the socialites of the fraternal world.

Their two day meeting ended Saturday evening with a dance and frolic at the Copacabana club.

## Pythians Hold 3-Day Session In Lexington

LEXINGTON, Va. — The Grand Lodge of Virginia, Knights of Pythias, of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, opened its annual session here Tuesday. The session was to close Thursday June 18.

Since the grand lodge was re-organized in 1944 under Grand Chancellor Eugene West of Norfolk, the order has made steady and substantial progress, according to Mr. West.

GRAND CHANCELLOR West on the eve of the annual session reported that the resources of the order have increased to \$8,000, and that all claims against the grand lodge are paid. He also reported that the organization has no outstanding debts.

Officials were expecting over 300 delegates to the session. A big feature of the meeting is usually the parade which was scheduled for Wednesday afternoon. Participating were to be a number of bands, drums and bugle corps and 15 groups from the uniform department.

Officers are W. Herbert Knox, Maryland, imperial sheik; David Golston, Michigan, imperial potentate; O. L. Bell, imperial kebla, Texas; and J. F. Releford, North Carolina, imperial jadji.



# Grand masters north, south take action

Ban put on Shrine;  
potentate rescinds  
rule ousting women

Grand masters of Prince Hall Masons in 23 states expressed their views this week, on the movement to silence Shriners in their midst.

Orders were sent out in nine states quickly directing members of the Masonic order not to participate in any activities with the national Shrine.

Eight other grand masters queried by the AFRO said the matter was under consideration and action was likely within the month.

Cause of the grand masters' action, unprecedented in this day, consists of four charges:

That the Imperial Council of the Shrine had sown seeds of dissension in the various jurisdictions; that they had disregarded the rights, privileges and prerogatives of the grand masters; that they had levied illegal taxes; and that they illegally suspended the charter of the Daughters of Isis.

## Hall Leads Secession

Leader of the secession is Amos T. Hall, grand master of Oklahoma and president of the Grand Masters Council.

Shrine officers have been condemning their boss for some time; but it was only when grand masters from various states got together at the meeting of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masons in Oklahoma last month, that the matter came to a head.

Raymond Jackson, imperial potentate of the Shrines, had suspended the Masonic women in his organization, known as the Daughters of Isis.

## Pot Boils Over

Action against the Masonic women stirred the pot to boil over.

Nine grand masters signed an agreement to prevent members from having anything to do with Raymond Jackson or other Shrine officials.

Most of the grand masters admitted that it was the suspension of the women which brought the differences between themselves and the Shrine order to a climax.

"Jackson has gone too far," one of them said.

However, last week, Berry Hampton, grand master of Masons in Washington, D.C., said that he had been advised through a deputy that a Shrine order would go out soon releasing the women from the suspension.

Grand masters, themselves, were the first to note this weakness in the Shrine defenses; and the leaders quickly announced that their ban against Shrine activities in their state would remain, even though the national Shrine reinstated the women.

There are four charges against the Shrine officer," said one grand master, "and the fact that he pleaded guilty to one of them will not stop us from pressing the other three."

## Statements Quoted

Statements from 23 grand masters are as follows:

## OKLAHOMA

Grand Master Amos T. Hall, Tulsa:

"Originally the grand masters of nine states signified their intentions and signed agreement to take action against the Shrine."

"Today, I have signed agreements from 14 states. Assurances of unselfish co-operation for the good of the Masonic craft have come in from all sides and are most hearty."

## MARYLAND

Grand Master Willard W. Allen, Baltimore:

"I attended the conference of the grand masters and I signed the order for the State of Maryland on Oct. 30."

"Our Shrine women are members of the Order of the Eastern Star. We expect to give them protection."

## MISSOURI

Grand Master Dr. W. H. Madison, Marshall:

"My order is at the printers and soon will be in the mail."

"The general agreement to take action against some Shrine officers was taken after considerable deliberation and discussion following the session of the Supreme Council in Oklahoma City."

"The basis was some of the things which Grand Master Amos T. Hall outlined very modestly."

## "Works of All"

"Grand Master Lewis's proclamation in Louisiana is bolder and stronger than that of Grand Master Hall in Oklahoma. The agreement was made by those present and is the work of all of us."

"Some Shrine officials have ridden rough-shod over most of the jurisdictions. One man here went out to a Denver lodge meeting because a Shrine officer had ordered him to attend a meeting."

"Imperial Potentate Raymond Jackson has come into my state without extending me the courtesy of letting us know he is coming or is here."

## Secrecy Charged

"He has been in this state many times; and I have never met him. I hear about the meetings after he is gone."

"In one city, Shriners want to take over and run and control Masonry. They do not want the Blue Lodge to be respected at public occasions."

"The reinstatement of the Daughters of Isis will not affect my order."

"It's like a fellow who says if I plead guilty in one charge you should forget the others."

## "Insult to Injury"

"There are too many other things pertaining to policy and the manner in which the Shrine is conducted that tend, in my opinion, to bring public reproach on Masonry as a whole."

"I am not a stickler for perfection, but there are some things too flagrant and too brazen to shut your eyes to."

"They went too far, adding insult to injury, when they ousted the Daughters of Isis. They had gone so far that they overreached themselves. They thought they could do anything."

"A tremendous lot of support has come to the grand masters who have taken action against the Shrine from all the jurisdictions. All I have talked to are in favor of it."

## Protects Harmony

"My position is first to uphold the dignity and respect and the landmarks of fine Masonry. It is the first responsibility of the grand master to protect the harmony in his jurisdiction."

"It seems to me that anyone who occupies the exalted position of a national officer in the Shrine would take that into consideration."

"The only type of logic Stalin and the Russians listen to is that which contains force and power. You cannot reason with them."

## VIRGINIA

Grand Master David L. Muckle, Portsmouth:

"I have communications from Grand Master Amos Hall, president of the Grand Master Council."

"I have not issued an order for Virginia. The matter is under advisement. I am holding a meeting in Richmond, Saturday night."

"Some nine or ten grand masters meeting at the Supreme Council in Oklahoma last month agreed upon a course of action for themselves."

## Approves Special Meeting

"I like the idea of a special meeting of the Grand Masters, Council. This is just what I had in mind; and I am sure we will exhaust every other means of straightening matters. I am with the grand masters in the thinking that the grand master is supreme within his jurisdiction, can control the actions of master masons and should not accept dictation from anyone."

"In my jurisdiction, I have not been aggrieved."

## FLORIDA

Grand Master C. H. Henry, Quincy:

"My order hasn't gone out yet; but members of my cabinet and I have considered the matter and we have not yet come to a final decision."

"I was in Oklahoma when members of the Grand Masters Council decided upon the action they would take against the

Shrine.

## DELAWARE

Grand Master Patrick Turner, Wilmington:

"We had one meeting and did not arrive at a definite decision. We postponed the meeting for three weeks."

"My cabinet and officers of the Shrine considered the matter together. Personally, I do not know too much about all the issues involved. I have held office for two years."

"I received Grand Master Hall's recent suggestion for a special conference of grand masters."

## Suggests Resignation

"Since there is so much unrest, I am in favor of the special conference. The last such conference was held in Milwaukee, my old home town."

"The grand master has the last word in his jurisdiction. Sometimes a fight is necessary."

"When a man's integrity is doubted, he should be willing to step down."

## GEORGIA

Grand Master John Wesley Dobbs, Atlanta:

"My order went out Nov. 6. It suspends members of the order from participating in the national affairs of the Shrine until at such time that it will clean its house. When the Shrine gets right, we will let our members go back."

"More grand masters are joining the movement every day. All of them will be issuing similar orders after a while."

"I have heard that Grand Master Williams of Arkansas and Grand Master Williams of Tennessee, Grand Master Lewis of Louisiana and grand masters of Oklahoma, Ohio, Missouri, Massachusetts, Kansas, North Carolina and Mississippi have or will issue similar orders."

## Intends To Persist

"We are going to straighten special conference of grand masters. The man is disturbing the peace and harmony of the Masonic family."

"Each grand master is the guardian of the peace and harmony of his craft in his jurisdiction. Masonry is a peculiar institution where a bad actor or a czar is concerned. That is the fundamental thing."

"When anyone comes along to

disturb the peace and harmony of the order, we have authority to take action."

## KENTUCKY

Grand Master Charles H. Howe, Maysville:

"I plan to issue a statement after conference with my officers after December first. My order will likely be the same as Grand Master Amos Hall's."

"I want to be with the grand masters."

"I feel something must be done."

"We want to clean up the mess the Shrine is in."

## Shouldn't Take Over

"I do not believe the Shrine should take over the Masonic order."

"There are only four temples in Kentucky, but the national body seems to think that all other Masonic bodies are subordinate to the Shrine."

"If the Daughters of Isis were reinstated, that would not make me change my mind about issuing the order. There are other charges."

## ALABAMA

Grand Master C. V. Hendley, "I have not issued an order placing a ban upon Shriners. That is not the best procedure."

"We are dissatisfied with the leadership, are we not?"

"It seems to me we should fight it through by building up opinion enough to enable Shriners, themselves, to obtain a change in some officers."

"I feel bad about the whole things."

"Years ago some Shriners and grand masters were treated unjustly in Washington. I thought it was wrong then."

"We should stay together and fight."

## PENNSYLVANIA

Acting Grand Master W. S. Grasty, Chester:

"Our grand master just died. Before I would take decisive action I would first call the men of the state from whom I get advice."

"My grand lodge meets on the 14th and 15th of next month. I can promise to have my decision by that time."

"Action as important as this should be taken up by each lodge in the state."



# Text of Jackson's order rescinding ouster of Isis

In an order, this week, addressed to all Imperial Council officers, potentates and other officials Imperial Potentate Raymond E. Jackson rescinded the orders regarding the Imperial Court and Daughters of Isis.

The Order, dated November 4 said: "This comes to advise you that I am rescinding the orders regarding the Imperial Court and Daughters of Isis. We have obtained at long last some of the books and records from the Imperial Court officers.

"We are still hoping that our request will be granted to turn over the additional books and records. Such as we have received have been turned over to the Certified Public Accountant with instructions for an audit and report as quickly as possible.

"The temporary halt in operation of the Imperial Court has brought much activity from the Imperial Court officers and we sincerely hope the enthusiasm will result in co-operation for a sound financial basis for which we have been begging and pleading for years.

"The Nobility will, as in the past, continue to assist the Daughters of Isis when and wherever possible. The results of our action indicates that the Imperial Court officers will now be in a receptive mood to accept sound business principles as a sure method of success." Raymond E. Jackson, 33, Imperial Potentate.

## Faith In Hall

"I am very much impressed and in favor of what has been done because of the fact that I don't think Grand Master Amos Hall would have reached a decision without actual facts and on the basis of that I intend to fall in line.

"Jackson's actions seem rather radical in the suspension of the Daughters of Isis.

"I think this is a situation that's been pending for some time and has just festered to a head now and of course, will have to be taken care of."

## NEW JERSEY

Grand Master David D. Nicholas, East Orange:

"I haven't issued the order yet.

"I have called a cabinet meeting Sunday, at which time we are going to discuss this.

"I think we are going to go along with the grand masters and this will be the outcome of the meeting.

"Grand Master Hall has made an excellent suggestion that the grand masters might meet soon in a special session. Whatever we do, we do together."

## ILLINOIS

Grand Master Francis C. Rogan, Chicago:

"The matter of the silencing of the Shrine in Illinois will come before our trustees at 10 a.m., Sunday.

"It is very likely that we will go along with the Grand Mas-

ters, Council.

"I am new in office and expect to have the guidance of our trustees."

## RHODE ISLAND

Grand Master B. Albert Ford, Providence:

"The questioning of silencing the Shrine in this state will come before the cabinet of the grand lodge on Tuesday night. At that time action will be taken and announced."

## MASSACHUSETTS

Grand Master M. Latour, Boston:

"The order has been signed in Massachusetts to go into effect Nov. 10. The reasons for it are contained in the letter you published from Grand Master Amos Hall.

"The order in Massachusetts will mean that Shriners will not be permitted to hold any more sessions until, in the grand master's opinion, the trouble with the national body has been cleared up.

"They are not supposed to meet as a private club.

"Letters that will go out to all of the heads of the various bodies in the grand lodge, the Royal Arch masons, the Knights Templar, the Consistory, and the Shrine will inform them of the grand master's decision.

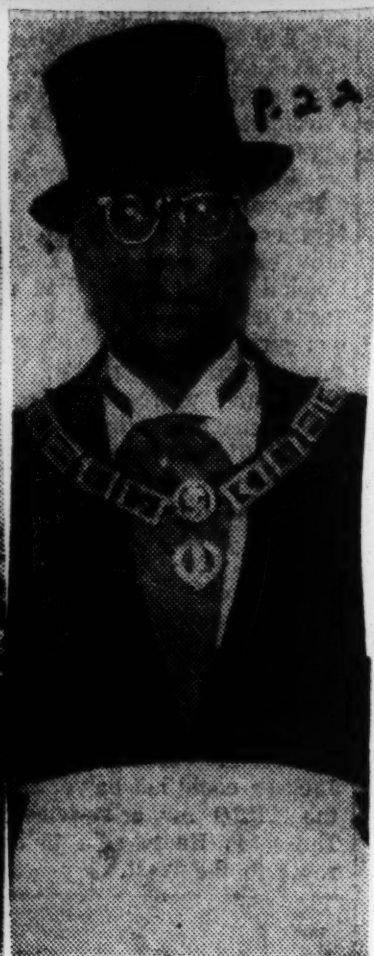
"At the same time, they will also be informed that Masons are to hold no meeting of any description relative to the Shrine until the grand master has given his permission for them (meet-



RAYMOND E. JACKSON  
Rescinds controversial ukase



JOHN WESLEY DOBBS  
"Order went out"



BARRY HAMPTON  
"Will go along"

ings) to be held.

## Fears For Survival

"I am of the opinion that we have reached such a point now that it is just a question of how much longer we can survive until this matter is cleared up. They just don't know anything about us, or they want to give the men the opinion that whatever you say means nothing so far as the organization's progress is concerned. They are the ruling head of the whole setup.

"It happened here once with one Shrine deputy. He came in and took over the Temple.

"He didn't act as though anybody else had anything to do with the matter except himself and Masons present weren't supposed to listen to anything except what he had to say.

"There will be no difficulties in Massachusetts.

"It seems to me, it would be to the advantage of the national Shrine body to ask the grand masters to meet and go over the situation. It would be much better for the whole Shrine order."

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Grand Master Barry Hampton, Washington:

"Before I got around to issuing

the edict, Imperial Potentate Raymond Jackson rescinded it through a telegram through his deputy.

"Now the Daughters of Isis can meet and go on as they always did. They were suspended because they didn't agree to pay the taxes.

"If the other grand masters decide to continue the ban against the Shrine, I will go along with the jurisdiction.

## Follows Hall's Guidance

"I will go along with whatever action Brother Amos T. Hall takes as head of the grand masters council.

"It was in November when I received my letter from Brother Hall; and I had been working on it since. But right in the midst of that, Jackson rescinded the order against the Daughters of Isis.

"I am going to wait until I hear from Brother Hall to find out whether he wants us to go ahead with it."

## LOUISIANA

Grand Master John G. Lewis, Baton Rouge:

"I am in full accord with the action of the Grand Master conference.

"My own proclamation was issued on Nov. 2, before I got a copy of Grand Master Hall's letter telling me of the united action of other grand masters.

"This is the only solution to a difficult problem. I urged it in 1950 when differences of opinion arose.

## Temples Approve Action

"The temples in my jurisdiction wished to withdraw from the Shrine order then, but stayed in on my advice.

"Since my proclamation was issued, representatives of four of the five temples have advised me of their approval and asked why I hadn't done it earlier.

"Some Shrine officials are domineering and egocentric; and their actions are repulsive to those steeped in the long tradition of Prince Hall Masons.

"After all, we are a Masonic organization, not a labor union."

## NORTH CAROLINA

Grand Master George D. Carnes, Wilmington:

"Our order has not gone out. I have signed the document, but my grand lodge is meeting Nov. 27, and I am waiting to get to the grand lodge before announc-

ing it. But I am thoroughly in accord with Grand Master Hall's proceedings.

"You can list our jurisdiction with those who have already signed, because we are going to act.

"The main issue is not the illegal suspension of the Daughters of Isis.

## Attitude Over Funds

"I think it is the attitude of certain national Shrine officers about their disbursement of miscellaneous funds.

"I like righteousness and straightforwardness. As much as I like some of the national Shrine officers, I can't go along with them.

"I am with the president of the Grand Masters Council, Amos T. Hall, in this issue because I think he is right.

"Members of the order in South Carolina will co-operate, I am sure."

## MISSISSIPPI

Grand Master James C. Gillingham, Clarksdale:

"My edict will be out pretty soon.

"It will not change the picture if the Shrine head reinstates the Daughters of Isis. There are three other charges. That won't change our plans. We had planned to do this before.

"We knew he was going to do that, but it is simply another highhanded method of running the Shrine order, acting as a dictator in the conduct of the affairs of the Shrine in general.

"We should have done it long ago, but we did not until we could get a substantial number of grand masters to approve.

"Friends in Chicago are with us. I talked with them.

"I have no doubt that Mississippi's temples will be just what I think it will be. I am sure they will go along with my order."

## TENNESSEE

Grand Master Charles F. Williams, Memphis:

"My order has gone out as of yesterday.

"It won't save his face if he tries to put the Daughters of Isis back in good shape again. We hope these other three charges are sufficient to hold him. That's the only thing that we feel will save the Shrine.



# Special meet demanded by grand masters

10 charges made  
against Jackson in  
fraternal uproar

with the Shrine until it cleans house, listed ten charges against the national officers of the Shrine.

## Suspension Last Straw

One of them, which has been called the last straw, was the suspension of the women's auxiliary of the Shrine. Grand Masters declared that this was done illegally and that they would protect their women.

Subsequently the Shrine head, Raymond Jackson, announced that he would reinstate the women.

Grand Masters made it plain, however, that this doesn't settle the matter and that there was no evidence that the women would go back upon the terms laid down by the Shrine head and also that there were nine other charges which would have to be answered before the ban against the Shrine is lifted.

The general type of order 17 grand masters used in silencing the Shrine in their several states reads as follows:

"That no Mason within the State shall be permitted to participate in the Shrine until the conditions complained of in our declaration have been cleared or until the further order of the Grand Lodge, provided, however, the Master Masons in the Temples of the state shall be permitted to meet and may continue to collect dues which shall be deposited in some bank or trust company and held until cleared."

## Cause Of Action Cited

Their cause of action is stated in a proclamation which declared:

"A Grand Master is the guardian and protector of the peace and harmony of his jurisdiction and no Grand Lodge can prosper if dissension is permitted.

Whenever peace and harmony are destroyed, it is the duty of the Grand Masters to act.

"Drastic steps should not be employed except for grave causes.

"When these causes have existed for a long time and repeated attempts to eliminate them by peaceful means have failed,

drastic steps are necessary."

## 10 Charges Filed

The ten charges filed against the Shrine leaders are as follows:

1. They have sown seeds of dissension in the various jurisdictions.

2. They have willfully disregarded the rights, privileges, prerogatives of Grand Masters and other officers of Grand Lodges.

3. They have conducted a continuous course of propaganda which holds symbolic Masonry and its Grand Masters up to public ridicule and scorn; it has urged that Shrinedom may exist separate and apart from symbolic Masonry.

4. They have levied illegal, burdensome taxes upon Masons and have diverted the funds raised by Masons for charitable purposes.

5. They have, without authority of law, assumed the rights, privileges and duties of other Imperial officers and set up a dictatorship which has brought the good name of Masonry into disrepute.

6. On October 15, 1953, they made an order without authority of law suspending the charter of the Imperial Court of the Daughters of Isis which has resulted in confusion and chaos in the various jurisdictions in the ranks of symbolic Masonry.

7. They have intimidated, coerced, oppressed and mistreated the wives, daughters, sisters and mothers of many Masons in the

several jurisdictions.

8. They have, in violation of law and rights of their brethren intruded into the internal operation of the Imperial Court of the Daughters of Isis and issued an edict prohibiting Masons from fraternizing with their own wives, sisters, brethren and daughters.

9. They have issued edicts which prohibit Masons from associating together and exchanging ideas and views conducive to the growth, stability and harmony of the craft.

10. They have caused the affairs of the Daughters of Isis to be paralyzed by arresting their charter and seeking to impound all their funds, books, rec-

ords, and papers, contrary to the laws of the order and seriously affecting the peace and harmony of Masons in several jurisdictions.

Grand Masters in eight states gave the following statements to the AFRO on the situation in their areas:

## NEW YORK

Grand Master Arthur Giddings, Yonkers, said he had no special word that Shrine officials had lifted the ban upon their women's organization.

Asked whether he had signed the order silencing the Shrine in his state, he said, conditions are different in New York.

Asked if he expected to attend the Grand Masters Council special meeting he said, "I have nothing to say."

## NEW MEXICO

Grand Master T. R. Davis, Albuquerque, told the AFRO, "I have no Shrine temples in this state."

## MICHIGAN

Grand Master William O. Greene, Detroit, told the AFRO:

"I have not had the difficulties some others have. I have agreed to attend the special Grand Masters Council session, which I understand is to be held in Chicago."

## DELAWARE

Grand Master Patrick Turner, Wilmington:

"I think I will go along with the majority of the Grand Masters.

"Delaware's decision rests with members of the cabinet and members of the Shrine. We will meet in two weeks.

"I will attend the special meeting of the Grand Masters Council."

## VIRGINIA

Grand Master David Muckle, Portsmouth:

"I have had a meeting of my cabinet, and we have decided to request President Amos T. Hall of the Grand Masters Council to call a meeting and determine a course of action. I do not like to disrupt any department and shall need further explanations.

"I have agreed to the special

meeting of the Grand Masters Council wherever it is. Chicago will be central."

## RHODE ISLAND

Grand Master B. Albert Ford, Providence:

"Pending clarification of certain points of declaration and in view of developments of past few days, our decision is to withhold signing the order silencing the Shrine at this time."

## PENNSYLVANIA

Grand Master W. S. Grasty, Chester:

"I suggested Chicago for the special meeting of the Grand Masters Council and can attend if it does not conflict with grand lodge meeting, December 14 and 15.

"After thinking this problem over, some items do not fall within our jurisdiction.

"When our landmarks are violated I think we should step in."

## CALIFORNIA

Grand Master Starling J. Hopkins, Riverside:

"We are marking time out here. I have not issued the order silencing the Shrine of this state.

"I haven't responded to the invitation for a special meeting of the Grand Masters Council. I shall probably be there to get the necessary information."

Grand Masters of Prince Hall Masons in 25 states have signed a request for an immediate conference, according to Amos T. Hall of Tulsa, Oklahoma, president of the Grand Masters Council.

That is a majority," of the 38 states and District of Columbia on the roster said Grand Master Hall. Mr. Hall is also head of the Masons in the State of Oklahoma.

The Council will undoubtedly discuss orders already sent out by Grand Masters in 19 states directing members in those states to have no dealings with the Shrine headed by Imperial Potentate Raymond Jackson of Buffalo, until charges against him have been settled.

## Total Now 19

On Thursday, President Hall said that he had received copies of three other agreements, bringing the total number of states in which the Shrine cannot function to 19. Of these states eight are in the North and 11 in the South. States not primarily mentioned which have signed the silence order on the Shrine include Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Washington, Illinois, Arkansas and Wisconsin.

According to Mr. Hall, the majority of the Grand Masters who asked for a special Council meeting, designated Chicago as the desirable meeting place.

With the majority favoring the call, he said, he'll get in touch with Illinois to see if they can meet some time in Chicago about the middle of December, maybe December 19.

Grand Masters who have ordered their members not to have any other further dealings



## Dissent in Masonic Ranks

We regret to hear of dissent in the ranks of the Masons. News that Grand Master Amos T. Hall of Oklahoma has ordered the local Shriners of his state to withdraw from the national Shrine organization is disturbing.

Some years ago when fraternal orders were declining in prestige, influence and membership, such an announcement would have had little significance. But in recent years, the secret organizations, particularly the Masons, have been on the upswing. They have taken into their fold many of the outstanding young men in various cities and as they have expanded in membership they have assumed a greater share of community responsibility than was their custom in years past when fraternal orders were known principally for their colorful regalia and their long parades.

Under Dr. Raymond E. Jackson of Buffalo, N. Y., the Shriners have established a sizeable fund to aid in research on cancer and tuberculosis. Thousands of dollars already have been given to hospitals to carry on research projects.

The Masons, on a nation-wide plan, have undertaken to contribute \$20,000 each year to the N. A. A. C. P. This group has taken on new life and has sparked many worthwhile campaigns in the public interest. Here in Missouri, the Masons, under Grand Master Waite H. Madison, have become more public-spirited. Contributions are made annually to many worthy causes and the Masons are making themselves felt all over the state.

Now comes news that the Oklahoma Shriners will no longer be a part of the national Shrine and that this withdrawal is likely to be followed in eight other states.

We hope that this break in the ranks of the Masons is only temporary and that whatever caused the revolt against the national administration can and will soon be corrected.

## 11-page defense of policies made by Shriners' head

BUFFALO, N.Y.—"No statement, no statement at all," Raymond Jackson, imperial potentate of the Shriners told the AFRO.

His office, however, admitted that an 11-page document was in the mail defending the Shrine organization against charges.

Grand masters in 19 states have agreed to silence their local Shrine temples until the national office is cleaned up.

Grand masters in 26 states have set Dec. 19 as the date to meet in Chicago and determine what further steps to take.

### Charges Not Answered

From other sources, the AFRO learned that Dr. Jackson does not answer, one by one, the charges made against the Shrine Council and officers.

Asked to interpret the Jackson 11-page communication, an official said the document consists of:

1. A letter signed by Mr. Jackson says, "grand masters acted without knowing or disregarding the truth. We have always been good Masons and good Shriners. Shriners should use their influence with their grand masters to have us silence our order withdrawn. We are not guilty of 'disturbing peace and harmony of Masons.'"

2. The Jackson communication contains a copy of the charter of the Shrine women's organization showing the Shrine council has power to amend the laws governing women "at pleasure" and that he has authority to supervise their affairs.

### Copies Of Charges Enclosed

3. Enclosed are copies of 10 charges filed against them by the grand masters in 19 states and samples of their edicts silencing the Shrine.

4. Enclosed also is a three-page opinion by Henry A. Williamson, past deputy grand master of New York.

Mr. Williamson says he is without "definite" information about the charges, but if Shrine officials are guilty of them, the Shrine itself should act. "Grand masters are without power to meddle," Mr. Williamson added.

5. The Jackson communication includes a blank listing 14 questions local temples are asked to answer.

Question No. 1: What have you or your temple done against Prince Hall Masonry?

### Comments

One Shrine official, here, who asked that his name be withheld, told the AFRO the questionnaire is designed to have local temples believe that they are under fire rather than the Supreme Council.

### Amos T. Hall

TULSA, Okla.—Grand Master Amos T. Hall, president of the Grand Masters Council, told the AFRO:

"The Jackson charges will be answered at the session of our council Dec. 19 at Chicago's Masonic Temple.

"We have acted only after long deliberation and provocation."

### Women

NEW YORK — Since Shrine women were first suspended then reinstated by Mr. Jackson, women are being bombarded with letters and communications.

### Men

BALTIMORE—If Jackson or the Supreme Council are the offenders, some way may be found to suspend them and permit local temples to go on with their work.

## Dr. Jackson Rescinds Isis Order

After stirring up a stormy controversy beginning October 19 by ordering suspension of the Daughters of Isis, Imperial Potentate Raymond E. Jackson of Prince Hall Masons, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, issued a second order this week rescinding the former

regarding activities of the national body.

Several state organizations have hinted they would not immediately return to participation in national affairs.

It was indicated that Jackson's latest action was simply the "straw that broke the Camel's back." The Grand Masters have other charges against the national body, including:

1) Disregard for rights and privileges of the Grand Masters; 2) Illegal taxations; 3) Certain Imperial Officers have caused dissension in the national body.

Dr. W. H. Madison, Grand Master of Missouri, has indicated he agrees with the action taken by the group meeting at Tulsa and that he has issued orders to Missouri Shriners supporting the program outlined at Tulsa.



DR. RAYMOND JACKSON

rective. The Daughters constitute a female auxiliary.

Jackson's action was prompted by the wide-spread reaction resulting from the suspension order which was based on the alleged failure of the Imperial Commandress "to turn over certain records" to the national officers.

On the heels of the suspension order, grand masters from nine states, including Tulsa, Okla., agreed to cease participation in national affairs. Shortly thereafter, Grand Masters from 14 other states voiced intentions of dis-



# Masonic Head Urges Negroes 'Keep Dignity, Self Respect'

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"Negroes must keep their self-respect as individuals and each must maintain his dignity as a definite personality," urged John G. Lewis, Jr., Grand Master of the Prince Hall Masons of Louisiana, in a major address for the New Orleans Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Sunday, February 22, at First Street Methodist Church, First and Dryades streets.

The address, delivered on George Washington's birthday, was in keeping with the spirit of the NAACP's annual membership crusade for freedom. Lewis told the audience that "The sooner we decide to not pay to be humiliated, the better off we will be... this is part of the sacrifice we must make as a purchase price for freedom." He urged Negroes to support their own institutions "rather than be humiliated by jim-crow set-ups." He rapped the current practice of Negroes' jamming the "segregated buzzard roosts" of theaters and auditoriums to see "our own folks perform," and making personal reference stated that "I'll see players only under human and humane conditions."

The meeting climaxed the public rallies held by the branch to inspire community support of its drive for 10,000 memberships.

Dr. William R. Adams, staunch NAACP supporter, presided over the meeting. Rev. George B. Franklin, co-major of churches of the Algiers division, gave the invocation. President Arthur J. Chapital, Sr., outlined objectives of the New Orleans Branch program.

Appropriate music was rendered by the First Street Methodist Church choir.

Mr. Lewis was introduced by A. V. Williams, Director of Agencies of the Louisiana Life Insurance Company, and the Rev. W. T. Handy, District Superintendent of the Methodist Church, made an appeal for members.

Announcements and introduction of majors, captains and workers in the drive were made by Bernard Brown, NAACP Assistant Field Secretary, followed by benediction by the Rev. T. R. W. Harris, host pastor to the organization's closing assembly.



**TREASURY DEPARTMENT HONORS MASONIC LEADER:** Amos T. Hall, president, Grand Masters conference, Prince Hall Masons of America (left), receives from Lemuel W. Foster, Director, Interracial Section, U. S. Savings Bond Division (center), the Treasury's Minute Man Achievement Award for his outstanding service to the Savings Bond program. Fred W. Hickman, Grand Master, Wisconsin jurisdiction, looks on.

## B. Albert Ford Reelected Head Prince Hall Masons

NEWPORT, R. I. — B. Albert Ford, grand master of the grand lodge, Prince Hall masons, was re-elected to that post at the 95th annual session of the masonic lodge here, June 9th.

The body adopted three resolutions, a copy of which was sent to Senator Theodore F. Greene to be included in the congressional record.

In the resolutions the group pledged to continue the bond a month plan to go on record as being against communism in and form and to adhere to the principles of the U.S. government and to fight "bogus or clandestine masonry."

Grand Master Harvey Walker of Connecticut delivered the principle address. He stressed the necessity of youth education and emphasized the need for all masons to take advantage of opportunities that come their way. Walker presented Past Master Edward Dunlap with a certificate of representation for his state.

### Officers Elected

Elected along with Grand Master Ford for the coming year were: William Oliver, deputy grand master; Vincent Brown, grand senior warden; George Simms, grand junior master; Harry Smith, secretary, and Oliver Brannon, grand treasurer.

Three past masters were present along with other guests. They were William A. Heathman, Enoch Allen and Joseph LeCount. Also present were the Most Worthy Grand Matron of N.E. chapter, Eastern Star, Margaret West and Alice Richards who formerly held that post.

## Dr. Jackson Renamed Head Of Shriners, Defeats Dobbs

DENVER, Colorado (Special) — Dr. Raymond E. Jackson of Buffalo, N. Y., was reelected Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine Tuesday at the second session of the 1953 Convention in the Denver City Auditorium. He was overwhelmingly returned to the post he has held since 1939 with 356 votes.

Dr. Jackson defeated John Wesley Dobbs of Atlanta, Ga., in his second bid for the office of Imperial Potentate. Mr. Dobbs polled 77 votes.

The election was held following the annual address of Dr. Jackson. Earlier, J. B. Blayton Sr. of Atlanta, Ga., delivered a master address to the convention on "Freedom Is Everybody's Business."

Mr. Blayton pointed up the problems of freedom, not how particularly the people in the South are achieving democracy. For example, he pointed to the election of Dr. Rufus E. Clement, president of Atlanta University, to the Atlanta Board of Education in a city-wide primary.

In the field of economics, he pointed to Radio Station WERD in Atlanta as an example of how employees of various racial groups can work together on a democratic basis.

Attending the convention from Atlanta are Isaac Collier, Mrs. Lucille Briscoe, A. W. Parks, Dr. X. L. Neal, W. S. Holloman, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. X. Brown.



## Jobbs Urges Fight on Bigotry

# Georgia's Prince Hall Men Report \$340,000 in Assets

ATLANTA, Ga. — Georgia Prince Hall Masons showed steady growth and assets amounting to \$340,653.67 as of June 1, reports to the annual Grand Lodge indicated last week.

Grand Master John Wesley Dobbs, who was unanimously re-elected, called on the church and the Masonic fraternity to take the lead in the fight against intolerance, discrimination and bigotry.

Speaking at the eighty-fourth annual communication session at Liberty Baptist Church, the fraternal leader declared:

"Full and complete citizenship should be our aim in 1953. With the assistance of Almighty God, we should battle hand in hand with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and its legal defense fund to achieve these civil rights."

"This should be no time to quibble or to falter, but the hour to strike hard, with united effort, time, money and faith in God's inexorable law of justice."

He said Masons and the church should join hands in an all-out effort for first-class citizenship.

Besides Grand Master Dobbs, the following officers were re-elected: X. L. Neal, Atlanta, Deputy Grand Master; L. P. Bohler, Augusta, Senior Grand Warden; D. P. Nesbitt, Columbus, junior grand warden; Donald Thomas, Savannah, Grand Treasurer; Edgar C. Blackshear, Savannah, Grand Secretary; Leroy R. Bolden, Savannah, assistant grand secretary.

**APPOINTIVE OFFICERS** include: S. Fuller, Savannah, Grand Lecturer; R. C. Crouch, Moultrie, Grand Chaplain; A. L. Lowry, Augusta, assistant grand chaplain; L. B. Brown, Albany, Grand Senior Deacon; W. C. Lee, grand junior deacon; William Dobbins, Brunswick, Grand Senior Steward; Hallie Thomas, Columbus, grand junior steward; Ivey Weaver, Savannah, assistant grand marshal; S. D. Thrash, Hogansville, Grand Pursuivant; A. A. Heard, LaGrange, Grand Sword Bearer; Willis Walker, Milledgeville, Grand Tyler; J. T. Reeves, Hogansville, assistant grand tyler; George W. Smith, Brunswick, Grand Chorister; R.

W. Gadsden, Savannah, chairman of foreign correspondence.

The next Grand Lodge session will be held in Augusta.

Addresses to the Atlanta meeting were brought by L. D. Milton, president of Citizens Trust Company; James C. Gilliam, Clarksdale, Miss. Grand Master

of Mississippi Prince Hall Masons, and the Rev. D. H. Stanton of the American Bible Society.

S. D. Bissard and the Savannah degree team conducted the ritualistic Lodge of Sorrow.

Grand Master Dobbs announced that Georgia Masons gave \$7,000 in 1952 to the National Legal Fund of the NAACP. There are 200 subordinate lodges in Georgia with membership of 18,000.

## Ala. Masons

just under 3 million mark

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. — The net worth of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. and A.M., State of Alabama was placed at \$2,836,484, according to reports released after the 83rd annual convention here July 20-22.

The report stated that receipts totaled \$482,000 against \$253,000 in expenses. Death claims amounted to \$146,536, farmer loans, \$56,000 and urban home loans, \$82,000. Thirty-seven students attended college through financial aid.

Among the visitors to the sessions held on the campus of Tuskegee Institute were, past master, R. B. Fowler of Missouri, and the Rt. Rev. A. W. Womack, bishop, CME church of Indianapolis, Ind. Grand Master Charles V. Heldley presided.



GRAND MASTER JOHN WESLEY DOBBS

## Prince Hall Masons Reelect Dr. Madison

Annual Grand Session Held At Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Dr. Waite H. Madison of Marshall,

Mo., was re-elected grand master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri at the 87th annual session which ended here on Friday, July 10. His re-election was unanimous.

Eugene E. King of Kansas City defeated George H. Roy, also of

Kansas City, for the office of grand senior warden. T. Troy Bradford of Fulton defeated D. E. Samuels of Kansas City for the office of grand junior warden.

J. Lewis Thomas of Columbia, retained his office as grand treasurer and Amos S. Bartlett of Moberly retained his office as grand secretary. William C. Peterson of St. Louis retained his office as grand relief secretary.

Samuel Johnson of St. Louis succeeded George Lewis of St. Louis as grand lecturer while J. M. Hughes of Salisbury retained his office as grand chaplain. Elmer R. Dotson of Kansas City retained his office as a member of the relief board with E. R. Bryson of St. Louis receiving an overwhelming majority for the other office on the relief board.

The grand annual session opened Wednesday, July 8, with the meetings both interesting and harmonious throughout the week.

Truth lodge No. 151 and Greater Truth chapter No. 88, Order of the Eastern Star, served as hosts for the grand lodge and for the Harmony grand chapter, OES, which held its 63rd annual session at the Lincoln school.

Grand Master Madison and Most Worthy Grand Matron Esther K. Harris of St. Louis presided over the grand sessions.

Wednesday's sessions followed the customary procedure with the appointment of committees followed by the grand master's annual address. Dr. Madison's address was concise, sharp and interesting, according to the lodge members. The grand matron delivered her address late Wednesday afternoon.

A welcome program was held Wednesday evening with Warren Tuner, a lawyer, serving as proxy for the mayor who was unable to attend. Several local talented groups appeared on the program.

Thursday's session was highlighted by the appearance of distinguished visitors and the election of grand lodge officers.

Among the honored guests were T. Roosevelt Butler, chairman of CCFC of the state of Kansas; officers of the Harmony grand chapter, OES, and the International grand worthy matron of the OES, Mrs. Fannie E. Lee of Harrisburg, Penn., who attended the Harmony grand chapter sessions.

On Thursday evening, the local hosts entertained with a dance in the beautiful Shrine Mosque, with Kansas City's Jay McShann providing the music.

Friday's session was devoted to the reading of the revised constitution and by-laws and the final reports from committees.

A bid from the Master's Council

of Kansas City was accepted at the 88th session of the grand lodge will be held in Kansas City in 1954. Brother Lewis H. Farris, a charter member of Truth lodge No. 151, was introduced to the grand lodge, and was presented a financial contribution of \$63.50 as a tangible gift from the craft at large. Another gift voted by the grand lodge was \$200 to the George Washington Carver monument. This is in addition to a previous gift to this movement.



Meet in Cleveland, Ohio

# Scottish Rite Masons In Annual Convention

CLEVELAND, Ohio — The welcome sign was hung out by Clevelanders who greeted the great horde of Scottish Rite Masons and auxiliaries which ancient and honorable secret society began its week long annual national convention and observed the eighty-ninth anniversary of the National Supreme Council, A. and ASR Masons here Saturday.

Hotel accommodations were at a premium in the vicinity of Fifty-fifth and Central Avenues where the convention headquarters was located and the housing committee was hard pressed to find homes for the 2,000 delegates and visitors here from all parts of the country.

The opening joint session of the National Grand Orient began promptly at high noon Saturday, with representatives from all branches and departments of the order present.

THE MEETING was highlighted by the annual address of Dr. William J. Fitzpatrick, Most Powerful Sovereign Grand Commander, who gave an excellent account of his stewardship and recounted the growth and wide expansion of the order since he took command five years ago.

Dr. William J. Fitzpatrick, who is sixth in line of a succession to the exalted position of MPSGC of the National Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, during the eighty-nine years of its existence, has brought a new philosophy to the Masonic order through his interpretation of what he thinks should be a part of the work of all secret societies when he exclaimed: "No organization can justify its existence by merely giving signs and passwords and grips behind closed doors."

Organizations are made up of people in a given community, Fitzpatrick said.

"Human beings, living stones in this great building of humanity."

THEREFORE, EVERY organization of whatever nature must take active interest in every phase of human endeavor in order to live and thrive and help in the advancement of the people of the community.

A mammoth street parade which was an extravaganza, as far as Clevelanders are concerned, traversed some of the principal streets in one section of the city Sunday.

The blaring of trumpets of brass bands and drum and bugle corps, and prancing majorettes. The dazzling uniforms of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and Daughters of Isis. The solemnity of the staid, properly regaled Masons of the symbolic degrees, braided uniforms of the Consistory men, decorated floats and cars highlighted the Sunday activities.

THE PUBLIC meeting held at St. John AME Church, saw a huge gathering who listened to the Mayor of the city, present the key to the city of Dr. Fitzpatrick and extended words of welcome to the organization.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. John Nance of St. Louis, Mo.

## CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Convention highlights of the Scottish Rite Masons meeting here during the week of Aug. 17, saw Dr. William J. Fitzpatrick, Grand Commander of the National Supreme Council as guest speaker on radio broadcast, "Our Parish Call" sponsored by the Christian Community Center over Station WJMO, under the direction Dr. Sylvester Williams of

the Cleveland Baptist Association. Dr. Fitzpatrick's subject was "Christianity's Influence on Masonry" . . . Wednesday night the Isis banquet at honoring Mrs. Julia C. Fitzpatrick, National Grand Matron Order Eastern Star and National Commandress

Daughters of Isis, held at the Masonic Temple (white) in downtown Cleveland . . . Friday, a luncheon at the Allerton Hotel in the Cleveland Loop given in honor of the Council of the Great Nine by some of the city's business men . . . Dr. Fitzpatrick presented a gold embossed scroll of merit to three outstanding citizens for their work along the lines of racial relation. The scroll read: "For your splendid contribution to human welfare and progress in interracial betterment in the finest traditions for which the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons have been known throughout its long history" . . . The annual Shrines ball on Friday night which offered a playtime to the otherwise busy delegates and visitors . . . The convention closed Saturday just as it began a week previous after a general summary of the week's activities and the final session of the Council of the Great Nine.

## Brownell for civil rights

After-American  
Talks to Shriners;  
Jackson re-elected

DENVER, Colo. — In order to combat juvenile delinquency and stop the trend toward ever-increasing volume of crime in this country — to maintain freedom in this country — nothing is more important than the protection of the civil rights of our citizens. 8-20-53

That statement was made Monday by Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. in an address before a public session of the 53d annual convention of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, City Auditorium here.

## Cites Thompson Case

Mr. Brownell approached the civil rights issue and gave the Eisenhower administration credit for the successful appeal of the Thompson restaurant case — which opened all D.C. restaurants to all persons — near the end of his address.

He said that while the administration would not encroach upon states' rights, it would intensify its efforts to safeguard the civil rights guaranteed our citizens by the U.S. Constitution and protected by federal laws.

The attorney general, who had any way to lessen the enforcement of the federal law in the stark picture of crime in the United States, said, in part: "When we came to Washington in January, we found that the District of Columbia did not allow colored persons to eat in the same restaurants with white people."

"Accordingly, we intervened in a case in the federal courts, known as the Thompson restaurant case, and took the position that the law which abolished segregation in public restaurants was valid and should be enforced."

"The Supreme Court of the United States upheld our position and I am very proud that one of the first acts of my administration of the affairs of the Department of Justice resulted in wiping out this blot in the reputation of our nation's capital."

## Ridicules Alarmists

"We were warned that if the court upheld us in the Thompson restaurant case that social unrest and physical violence might occur in Washington when the law was enforced."

"I am very glad to be able to say that nothing of that sort happened and congratulate the colored community of Washington on the splendid attitude that all of its members took in helping to make the new law work in an orderly manner."

"Freedom is indeed everybody's business. It is a dynamic concept in the fight against oppression. Our civil rights are the lifebook of our freedom. A denial of a civil right is a curtailment of a freedom. Any deprivation of civil rights is exploited to the hilt by the Communists."

"We propose to work in co-operation and harmony with all state officials to protect the civil rights of all of our citizens."

"The Department of Justice will not encroach on states' rights or the police power of the states. Just as in other cases of dual jurisdiction — such as car theft cases, drug cases and many others — we will work with the state authorities toward a common goal."

"We have made it clear, however, that we do not intend in any way to lessen the enforcement of the federal law in the field of civil rights. On the contrary, our efforts to safeguard the civil rights guaranteed our citizens by the Constitution and protected by federal laws will be intensified."

Dr. Jackson Re-Elected  
Highlighting Tuesday's session was the re-election of Dr. Raymond E. Jackson of Buffalo, imperial potentate since 1939, by an overwhelming majority of 356 votes to 77 for John W. Dobbs, the only other contestant.

This was Mr. Dobbs' second defeat in a race for the highest post in Shrinedom, he having sought the office in 1950. Dr. Jackson's re-election followed the delivery of his annual message, during which he issued a challenge to every major phase of American society.

With re-election of Dr. Jackson, the entire incumbent slate was returned to office.

Mrs. Ercelle Harmon Moore, imperial commandress of Daughters of Isis, was elected in 1952 for a three-year term, so was not subject to re-election. All of the other officers were re-elected.

Earlier, the 3,000 Shriners and Daughters of Isis attending the convention had heard an address by Dr. J. B. Blayton Sr. of Atlanta, principal speaker on a panel of public relations experts discussing the theme: "To make the new law work in a day's need for a constructive public relations program in our American institutions."

General theme of the convention was "Freedom is Everybody's Business."



# Masons hold annual parley in Oklahoma

## Southern branch hears leader attack segregation in address

OKLAHOMA CITY — Nearly 500 delegates, representing 22 southern and border states, Liberia and New Mexico, assembled here last week to attend the two day 67th annual session of the Supreme Council of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the Southern Jurisdiction, USA.

One of the highlights of the session was the conferring of honorary memberships upon Dr. Conwell Banton and Clarence Monroe of Philadelphia, and State Senator Harry A. Davis of Cleveland, all to foreign inspector general of the northern jurisdiction of the Masons.

In addition the following donations were made: \$1,470-vocational aid fund; \$1,000-NAACP defense fund; \$500-United College Fund; \$200-Infantile Paralysis Fund; \$100-Study of Colored Life and History.

### Met With Commander

Activities opened on the afternoon of Oct. 18, when deputies of the various Valleys met with the supreme commander to report the activities of their memberships. That evening, memorial services were held at the Tabernacle Baptist church, the Rev. E. W. Perry, pastor.

The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Robert W. Alexander, pastor of Every Chapel AME church. Dr. Charles E. Stewart, NYC, was master of ceremonies.

The Supreme Council was opened the next morning by John G. Lewis Jr., lieutenant grand commander and featured the annual address by Willard W. Allen, sovereign grand commander, which called for an end to segregation and discrimination.

"On the domestic front perhaps the most important problem confronting the country is segregation in the public schools. No decisions ever made before will have the impact or far reaching effect as this decision. Segregation and is discrimination according to race, color or creed must be abolished. This indeed will be the first major step toward that end. The country as a whole is deeply concerned over this problem and waiting hopefully for the

answer. I hope God will aid and guide those nine Supreme Court justices to do what is right" Mr. Allen said.

### Asked Cooperation

"I ask your further and continued cooperation with those agencies which are so courageously waging the fight against segregation and discrimination of minority groups and especially our particular group — such agencies as the colored press, the Urban League, the NAACP and others. They need our moral and financial support. See that it is given fully. The gains will benefit all," he added.

Other activities at the session were the elevation of 40 32nd degree Masons to the 33rd degree and the financial report which showed the order with finances of over \$100,000 and a membership of over 17,000.

The following grand masters attended the sessions:

W. N. Williams, Arkansas; C. H. Henry, Florida; J. W. Dobbs, Georgia; John G. Lewis Jr., Louisiana; James C. Gilliam, Mississippi; Waite Madison, Missouri; Amos Hall, Oklahoma; Prince Riley, South Carolina; Dr. Charles F. Williams, Tennessee and L. L. Lockhardt, Texas.

During the sessions, eight assemblies of the Order of the Golden Star were represented from Washington, Birmingham, Ft. Smith, Ark., Houston, San Antonio, Baltimore and Oklahoma City, Guthrie and Lawton, Okla.

Delegates registering were as follows:

### ALABAMA

Prince P. Barker, H. A. Boyd, A. G. Gaston, B. F. Johnson, M. Morse, J. S. Sharpe, J. S. Simmons Jr., Willie Sullivan, Robert L. Williams,

R. B. Binion, Doctor Dwiggins, M. J. Givham, S. M. Mar. Taggart, James M. Witherspoon, tin, Larry Robinson, J. S. Simmons, Samuel Stuart, Rev E. W.

### ARKANSAS

W. H. Fergustonn, E. M. Harris, E. J. Jackson, Solomon Richardson, J. B. Henderson, Thomas Harris, B. F. Lever, W. M. Williams,

### CALIFORNIA

Harvey Chiston, Archille Herbert, John A. Hardee,

### FLORIDA

L. V. Ford, C. H. Henry, W. M. Solomon, George N. Williams, E. D. Gibson, L. V. Rainey, Herman Trawick,

### GEORGIA

W. C. Lee, Robert J. Walters, Joseph Phimazee,

### ILLINOIS

Robert Johnson.

### KENTUCKY

E. Beauchamp, James Parrish, W. H. Perry Sr., Eugene Lacey, W. Perry Jr., T. M. Taylor.

### LOUISIANA

Herman P. Bush, R. Clark, Dr. E. D. Duncan, John G. Lewis Jr., J. L. Wicker, H. U. Clark, Dr. Albert Dent, John A. Foster, Bishop H. P. Primm, A. V. Williams.

### MARYLAND

George H. Fitzhugh, William A. Jones, John H. Murphy Jr., John L. Jones, Mansell Lawrence, Alvin Stanley.

### MISSISSIPPI

J. C. Gilliam, D. W. Seaton, P. H. Phillips, Sam Selmon.

### MISSOURI

Walter J. Baker, Harry Bisch, Clifford Bush, Rev. P. Davenport, Lowery Simpson, Rev. Louis Billups, John F. Boyd, B. F. Cornish, Dr. S. E. Moore, B. F. Small.

### NEW MEXICO

M. C. Rhoten.

### NEW YORK

James A. Jackson, W. C. Kilpatrick, M. C. Jackson.

### NORTH CAROLINA

K. P. Battle, J. T. Diggs, Dr. W. E. Merritt, R. H. Lewis, W. P. Carter, G. W. Edwards, Jarvis Nelson, D. J. Sammos.

### OKLAHOMA

Fred Alexander, Otis Carson, E. W. Clarke, C. V. Duberry, John Haywood, M. K. Sullivan, U. H. Wisson.

M. F. Andrew, George Cheatham, Zenia Clark, Amos Hall, W. M. Hopson, L.R. Taylor, W. L. Worsley.

### OHIO

Harry E. Davis.

### PENNSYLVANIA

Walter Beckett, Wesley J. Waters, Clarence Monroe.

### SOUTH CAROLINA

J. E. Dickson, Prince Riley, Rev. W. D. Floster.

### TENNESSEE

E. E. Crawford, H. D. Stewart, Sanco Wright, E. H. Russell, Dr. Charles F. Williams.

### TEXAS

T. H. Brawey, Edum Coston, R. E. Hall, Arthur M. Jefferson, Clarence E. Jackson, Herman J. Moseley, T. W. Pratt, Clinton Robertson, M. L. Ward, Herbert E. Wyche,

D. C. Collins, L. L. Davis, H. M. Harden, E. J. Johnson, L. L. Lockhard, V. B. Phillips, O. L. Paynes, W. L. Rogers, T. J. Warner.

### VIRGINIA

Daniel Allen, A. F. Harris, J. M. Ellison, Melvin Keeling.

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

D. F. Arrington, Conwell Banton, F. C. Davis, Jacob A. Handy, James A. Mingo, Lewis Roy Sr., H. T. Willis, Morris Scott, William H. Bailey, Rev. W. Campbell, Rev. U. S. Edwards, Silas S. James, David T. Norman, John E. Smith, Morris Wooden.





During the meeting of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F & AM of Alabama, which was held here this week, the Grand Lodge paused to pay tribute to Booker T. Washington, Founder of Tuskegee Institute, and the Grand Master named a committee to place a wreath on the grave of the distinguished educator. Prior to the impressive memorial graveside service, Dr. E. W. Taggart said: "The program and purpose of this great institution have been hallowed and dedicated, and rendered sacred by the devotion and sacrifices of its founder, Booker T. Washington, who admonished us to "glorify labor and put brains and skill into the common occupations of life."

The committee appointed by the Grand Master, representing the more than 2,000 Masons present for the meeting of the Grand Lodge, reading from left to right: J. P. Houser, Joseph King, Matthew Woods, Tuskegee Institute, who was associated with Dr. Booker T. Washington for many years; Dr. E. W. Taggart, Birmingham, speaker for the occasion; P. B. Swoopes, Grand Trustee and Chairman of the Committee, Sheffield, Alabama; Dr. Frank L. Steele, Grand Medical Registrar, Opelika, Alabama, and J. H. Glanton, Grand Endowment Treasurer, Dothan, Alabama.

## Another Remarkable Year

There is much justification in the statement made by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., State of Alabama that the fraternal year 1952-53 was "very remarkable." Reports made at the order's eighty-third annual session held on the campus of Tuskegee Institute revealed this.

The Grand Lodge did an annual business of \$482,000 while expenses were held under \$253,000. It has a net worth of \$2,836,484. Loans totaling \$138,000 were made to rural and urban Negro citizens for home-building purposes. \$56,000 of this total was loaned through the Farmers Home Administration and \$82,000 through the Federal Housing Administration.

Financial assistance was "given" to several hundred needy brothers, widows and orphans together with 37 boys and girls helped financially to attend college.

These are but a few of the enumerated services. For one could mention the support given the job-building project sponsored through the inspiration of the National Urban League. Subordinate lodges render numerous supporting services.

This commendable work is due to the able leadership of Grand Master Charles V. Hendley and the dependable corps of officers making up his cabinet. Prince Hall masons are assuming a new-type of leadership which is a contributing factor in the over-all battle for first-class citizenship.

Yet Prince Hall Masons could still throw weight of numbers and finance into the efforts to win a wider use of the ballot and a fuller opportunity for training in the public educational institutions. In almost all of the other Southern states Prince Hall Masons have made an inspiring contribution to campaigns which have won amazing suffrage victories and opened university doors which were closed to Negro citizens.

This newspaper is proud of the work of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. Its business has been in competent hands with Mr. Hendley at the helm. It leads among the fraternal groups. This leadership is adding new strength to the group.



## Bound For Shrine Confab



**DENVER BOUND** — Pretty Miss Amanda Fouthier, of Birmingham, Ala., smiles while Barney B. Goldsmith (right) and Wallace L. Johnson (second from left) check over last minute details with Smith Holdren, passenger agent for the Burlington railroad, as 19-car special train prepares to leave Chicago's Union station with 600 Shriners, their wives and friends, enroute

to Denver, Col. to attend the 52nd annual session of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Looking on is L. A. Doyle, Burlington flagman. Goldsmith is illustrious Potentate of Arabic Temple No. 44 of the Shriners in Chicago. Johnson is Past Potentate of Arabic Temple. Miss Fouthier is a contestant in the Shrine Beauty and Talent pageant. — Defender photo.

## Shriners And Gaiety Take Over Denver For Conclave

**DENVER, Col.**—Denver came out in its Sunday best this week as some 15,000 Shriners, delegates and guests converged on the city for the 52nd annual session of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its Jurisdiction, Inc. (Prince Shriners and their guests made plans for a full week of business and gaiety. Host chapters are the

Syrian Temple and Syrian court. Approximately 500 Shriners, wives and guests arrived in Denver Sunday from Chicago, aboard a 19-car special train. The conclave, representing Eastern, Southern and midwestern temples, met at Chicago Union station where they boarded the special

train. Among those aboard the special train was pretty Miss Amanda Fouthier, 18, of Birmingham, Ala., winner of Khedive Temple's (Birmingham) Beauty and Talent pageant. She was vying for national honors at the Shriners annual talent show here Wednesday.

The convention opened Sunday with registration at the Denver city auditorium. A twilight parade was held Monday.

Dr. Raymond E. Jackson is present Imperial Potentate of the fraternal order. He hails from Buffalo, N. Y.

## SHRINERS REELECT JACKSON

**DENVER, COL.** — (ANP) — Dr. Raymond E. Jackson, Buffalo, last week was reelected imperial potentate of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at the annual convention of the order here. He defeated John Wesley Dobbs of Atlanta. With the reelection of Jackson, the entire incumbent slate was returned to office.

The convention featured a golf tournament, imperial tea, memorial services, wild game feast and public reception, public relations forum, imperial banquet, imperial potentate's ball, a parade and a beauty talent pageant.

Herbert Brownell, U. S. attorney general, was guest speaker of the public meeting. Lester B. Granger, executive director of the National Urban League, delivered the address at the imperial banquet.

More than 3,000 Shriners and Daughters of Isis attended the meeting. The Imperial Court - Daughter of Isis met in conjunction with the convention of the Shriners.

Mrs. Ercelle Harmon Moore, imperial commandress, was elected in 1952 for three years so her office was not up for election. The other officers were reelected.

### CONVENTION NEWS

The Justice department will enforce civil rights laws even if they conflict with state laws, Atty General Brownell told an audience at the public meeting. He added that federal enforcement of civil rights would not be lessened in any way even when there is a conflict between state and federal laws.

"Freedom is everybody's Business" was the subject of Granger's address at the Shrine banquet. In discussing this, he said in part:

"Certainly, it should not be necessary to mention that freedom has not been won in the field of human relations. Yet, it is a shocking fact that only a minority among us make this failure our personal business.

"The majority of American citizens— and this includes colored as well as white Americans— pay lip service to the cause of better human relations, better race relations but when the chips are down, we find that his majority has long since left the game and invested its interest elsewhere.

One of the highlights of the convention was the annual memorial service, which had as its speaker the Rev. Marshall L. Shepard, recorder of deeds in Philadelphia. Imperial Potentate Jackson introduced Rev. Shepard.

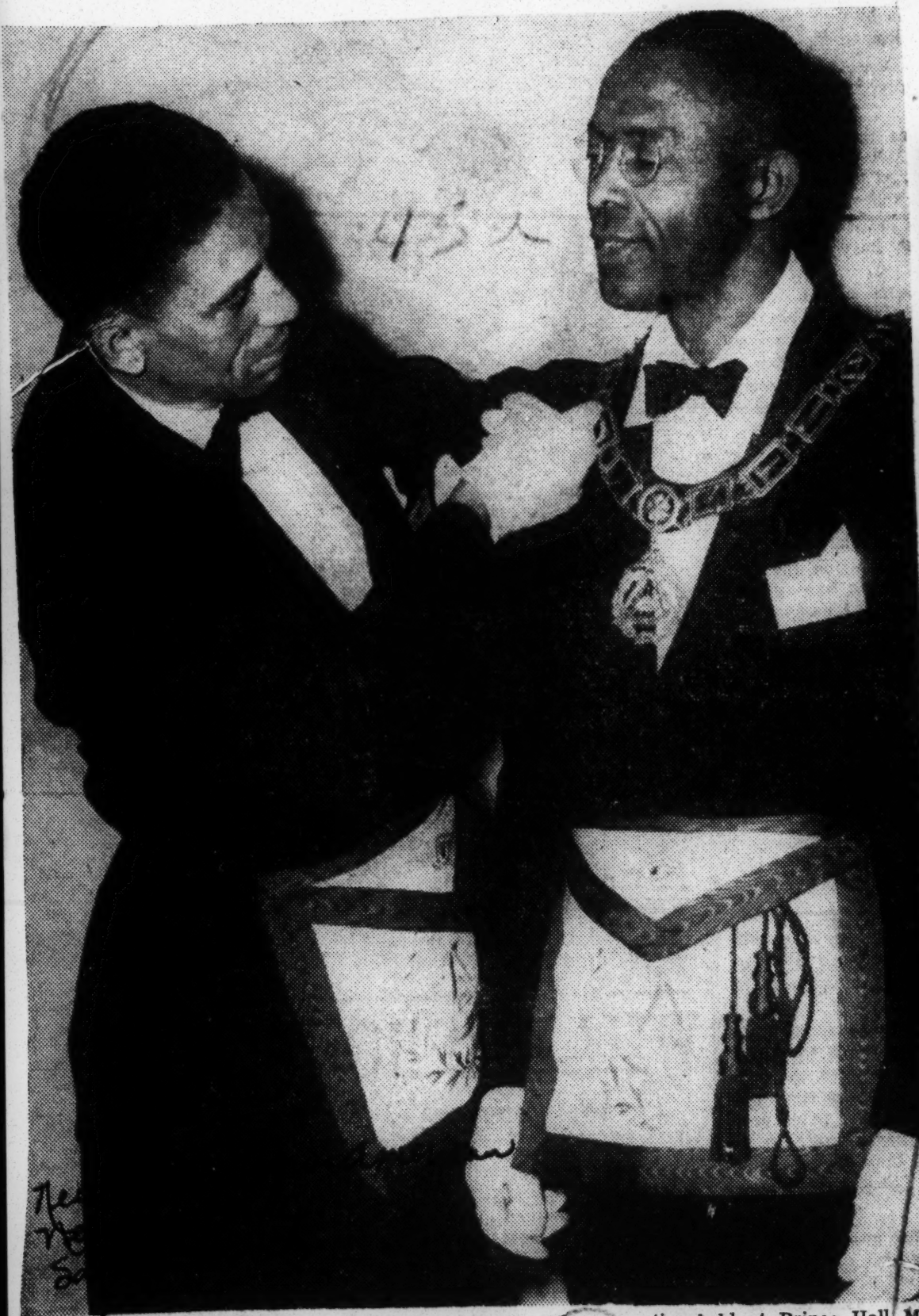
A review of the Daughters of Isis showed that the group had contributed \$5,000 to the polio drive during the year. The order also contributed to the NAACP, Youth Fraternity of the O. E. S., Community Chest, Red Cross, the Tuberculosis League and other organizations.

Besides Mrs. Moore, other officers of the Daughters of Isis include:

Mrs. Ida M. Tyree, Chicago, deputy imperial commandress; Mrs. Ruth M. Tucker, imperial second lieutenant; Mrs. Eliza M. Coleman, imperial high priestess; Mrs. Mildred Wells, imperial oriental guide; Mrs. Beulah McKay, imperial treasurer; Mrs. Wilhelmina R. Lewis, imperial recordress; Mrs. Lucilla Patton, imperial first ceremonial daughter; Mrs. Ada J. Moss, imperial inside spy; Mrs. Gladys W. Dixon, imperial second ceremonial daughter and Mrs. Lucille T. Williams, imperial outside spy.

Site for the 1954 convention had not been decided at press time; not been decided at however, Los Angeles and Atlantic City, N. J. have asked that the confab be held in, their respective cities.





**NEW GRAND** — Past Grand Master Aldridge B. Cooper, New Brunswick, places jewels of office on the new grand mas-

ter of New Jersey Masons, David D. Nicholas, East Orange. The installation was held during 105th state conven-

tion held at Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 188 Belmont ave

## Louisiana Masons Back Economics Conference



**PRINCE HALL MASONS** of Louisiana officiate at cornerstone laying of new \$200,000 Mt. Zion Baptist church, Baton Rouge. Left to right are Grand Master John G. Lewis, jr.; Rev. T. J. Jimson, pastor of the church, and P. G. Porter, grand master of Prince Hall Masons of Kansas. In right background is R. U. Clark, Baton Rouge, secretary of Louisiana's Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

**BATON ROUGE, La.** — One hundred fifty leaders from all over the state of Louisiana representing many phases of professions, five days here in Southern university, July 6 to 10, studying business, economics, ethics, politics and government. They were of the Prince Hall Masons of Louisiana and Louisiana Education Association.

Many prominent leaders spoke to the convention on various subjects.

Instructors of the conference included W. W. Clem, Southern university coordinator; Dr. J. T. Taylor, Dillard University; Mrs. Doris Asbury, Dr. H. H. Higgins, Attorney A. A. Lenoir, Attorney Vanue LaCom and Dr. W. R. Harrison all of Southern.

### THE SPEAKERS

Among the speakers were Rev. T. J. Jimson, Baton Rouge; P. G. Porter, Grand Master Prince Hall Masons of Kansas; Dr. Marshall Shepard, recorder of deeds, Philadelphia; Dr. E. A. Johnson, president Louisiana State NAACP; J. K. Haynes, president Louisiana Education association; Grand Master John G. Lewis, jr., head of La. Prince Hall Masons; L. W. "Honey Boy" Washington, Washington, D. C., in charge of Ownership Division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Following the address by Washington who spoke on the possibilities of non-veterans securing U. S. loans, Grand Master Lewis stated the Masons would underwrite loans totaling \$50,000.

the Education association defrayed all expenses including board and lodging for the entire group for the period of five days. They plan a similar conference every year as both declare that the conferences are proving beneficial and successful.





**GRAND TRUSTEE BOARD F&AM**—The Grand Trustee Board of the most worshipful prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of Alabama was called to order here in Tuskegee at 9 Monday morning by the Honorable Charles V. Hendley, grandmaster. The above photo was taken as Grandmaster Hendley made his annual grandmaster's report to the board in session in Dorothy's Hall here on the campus. The grandmaster is seated at extreme end of table with Grand Recording Secretary R. D. Nesbitt.

## F And AM Grand Trustee Board Now In Session Here

**By E. P. WALLACE**  
TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. — The Honorable Grand Master Charles V. Hendley of Malachi Morse, Grand Junior the worshipful Prince Hall Grand Warden J. T. Pickney, Grand Lodge F and AM of Alabama Trustee P. B. Swoopes, Guice sounded the gavel here today in Ward, Grand Auditor W. H. Car-Dorothy's Hall on the Institute, Grand Trustee H. C. Fearn, Campus signaling that the Grand Trustee W. S. Street. Trustee Board was now in ses-Grand Treasurer A. H. Williams, sion. G. M. Russell, Grand End-Treas-  
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Business of vital importance was received and tranacted during the morning period. Included was Grand Master Henlev's annual report which dealt with several issues that are vital to its vast membership and the race.

Other pertinent business handled by the board will be presented to the Grand Lodge which will set in Logan's Hall beginning at 9 this morning. These recommendations along with other business will consume the time allotted for the first day's session.

Those attending the executive board were: Grand Master

## Annual Reports Heard—

## Prince Hall Grand Lodge Meeting Begins In Tuskegee

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., July 21 — The most worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM State of Ala., opened its 83rd annual session today on the campus of Tuskegee Institute.

Grand Master Charles V. Hendley and other officers gave their annual reports on the activities of the craft covering the twelve months period from July 1, 1952 through June 30, 1953.

These reports showed that we have had another remarkable year. Our receipts were more than \$482,000 while our expenses were less than \$253,000. Our net worth is \$2,836,484.

During the past year we have paid 490 death claims amounting to \$146,536. During the same period we loaned 70 Negro Farmers of Alabama through the Farmers Home Administration \$55,595 and we loaned to Urban Negroes through the Federal Housing Administration \$82,142.

Thirty-seven Negro boys and girls were given financial assistance to attend college. In the meantime, aid to needy Brothers, widows and orphans has been given as usual.

The Grand Master also presented his budget for 1953-54 which will be acted on by the Grand Lodge today, after which the annual

election of officers will be held and the place of meeting for 1954 will be decided upon.



# Pullman Porters Benefit Ass'n One of America's Solid Groups

## Protection Is Keynote Of 38-Yr.-Old Lodge For Railroad Men

CHICAGO—One of America's solid organizations is the Pullman Porters Benefit Association of America. True, this group is a benevolent society for Pullman Porters in that members are given protection in much the same way as an insurance company, but the PPBAA operates along the lines of a lodge.

The PPBAA was formed in 1915 and reorganized on Nov. 20, 1920 in Chicago.

Since the reorganization of the group it has grown in stature and prestige to become one of the finest protective associations in the country.

PRIOR TO 1920, the association paid a certain amount of death benefits, according to the number of members in each respective zone in which the deceased member formerly resided. The death benefit was usually paid within a period of three to six months after the member died.

At the reorganization meeting in 1920, the group decided that this method was too slow and that members should be provided with a weekly sick and accident insurance and in case of death, the beneficiaries of the members should be paid the sum not to exceed \$1000.

The new constitution went into effect that same day with the collection of assessments and the payments of benefits effective Feb. 1 of the following year.

THE FIRST grand chairman was Perry Parker of Cincinnati, Ohio. Other officers included Thomas A. Crenshaw, St. Louis, Mo., first vice grand chairman; T. B. Webb, Denver, Colo., comp-

troller; Waverly Williams, New York City, grand secretary, and A. A. Wells, Chicago, treasurer.

The original directors were: Perry Parker, Chicago; I. F. Smith, Chicago; R. L. Williams, San Francisco, Calif.; James Sexton, New Orleans, La.; T. R. Crenshaw, St. Louis; T. M. Blanton, Philadelphia, Pa., and W. H. Des Verney, New York City.

From the reorganization of this association to date, many changes have been made in the by-laws for the benefit of the members, such as the increase in sick benefits to twelve weeks at \$9 per week plus six additional weeks at \$4.50 per week.

TO MEMBERS over sixty years of age, eight weeks is allotted at \$9 plus four more weeks at \$4.50. The opportunity granted to members the privilege of naming as their beneficiaries beside their blood relatives or wives, adopted children and persons dependent upon the members for support; or person with whom the member is dependent upon for support.

The Grand Association Convention has met each year in Chicago on the third Tuesday of November with delegates from sixty-two local lodges in attendance.

In 1923 the Grand Association added the Woman's Auxiliary to the association. The Auxiliary's



**PPBAA Officers—**Here are grand officers, including some past officers of the Pullman Porters Benefit Association of America. Sitting, left to right: R. L. Durham, grand secretary-treasurer, Chicago; P. A. Sample, retired controller, Jersey City, N. J.; E. M. Graham, grand chairman, Chicago; A. Barksdale, vice grand chairman, San Francisco; W. C. Robinson,

object is to help the needy among the group and to assist the civic welfare in various cities where the Auxiliaries are located.

AT THE SAME time a resolution was passed to have an annual memorial service on the third Sunday of May, or the Sunday convenient for the local lodge officers in their respective districts.

The progress of the Woman's Auxiliary has been phenomenal to the extent that in 1940 the delegates assembled, authorized the organization of the National Woman's Auxiliary and the first president of the Auxiliary was Mrs. Addie Mae Embree of San Antonio, Tex.

Mrs. Bessie Averett, Bir-

mingham, Ala., vice president; Mrs. Hattie Thomas, Chicago, national secretary, and Mrs. Josephine Graham, Chicago, national financial secretary-treasurer, were the other officers elected at the time.

The National Woman's Auxiliary pays a death benefit to the beneficiary of its members.

PRESENT OFFICERS of The National Woman's Auxiliary are: Mrs. Ruth Lowe, president, Houston, Texas; Mrs. Evelyn Overstreet, first vice president, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Lula Alexander, second vice president, Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. Mayme Newbrandt, third vice president, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Josephine Graham, financial secre-

retired director, Shreveport, La. Standing: L. J. T. Willie, director, Dallas, Tex.; C. S. Buckner, director, Pittsburgh; J. D. Anderson, director, St. Paul; Clarence Hyte, retired grand secretary-treasurer, Chicago; V. F. Gilmore, director, Louisville, Ky., and convention reporter, Robert Birdsong, Chicago. Grand officers not shown are Director W. N. Sharpe, New York, and J. A. Graham, controller, Chicago.

tary-treasurer, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Lillian Cooke, secretary, Roxbury, Mass.

Present directors are: Mrs. Mary T. Dickson, chairman, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Bessie Pollard, Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Shellie Bernhardt, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Mattie S. Marshall, Shreveport, La.; Mrs. Frances Cloud, Omaha, Neb.; Mrs. Serena Lamar, Augusta, Ga.; Mrs. Melinda Jackson, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Bessie Averett, Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. Mary Childress, chaplain, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Margaret P. Turnage, doorkeeper, Boston, Mass.

The Woman's Auxiliary meets on the third Thursday each year in Chicago.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION in 1920 the Association, through its grand officers, has paid out in sick and accident and death benefits over \$4,500,000 and has over \$500,000 in cash and bonds.

The Association has an average membership of 6500. All of this has been made possible by the excellent work of the local lodges in the cities where our members reside.

Present officers are E. M. Graham, grand chairman, Chicago, Ill.; A. Barksdale, vice grand chairman, San Francisco, Calif.; R. L. Durham, grand secretary-treasurer, Chicago, Ill.; and J. A. Graham, controller, Chicago, Ill. The directors are E. M. Graham, chair-



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**Controller—**

J. A. Graham is controller of the PPBAA, which was first organized in 1915. Mr. Graham is one of the younger officers of the group.



**Grand Chairman**

E. M. Graham is grand chairman of the Pullman Porters Benefit Association of America, a fraternal type organization that is a boon to thousands of diplomats of the railroad.



**Grand Sec'y—**

R. L. Durham is the grand secretary and treasurer of the PPBAA, which was organized in 1920. Headquarters are located in Chicago.



**PULLMAN PORTERS BENEFIT ASSOCIATION** holds 33rd annual convention as delegates and members of the ladies auxiliary from many states attend sessions at Chicago's Washington Park YMCA. Left to right front are C. S. Buckner, director, Pittsburgh; A. Barksdale, vice grand chairman, San Francisco; E. M. Graham, grand chairman, Chicago; Carroll R. Harding, president, Pullman company; L. J. T. Willis, director, Dallas; Robert Birdsong, reporter, Chicago. Second row: W. C. Robinson, director, Shreveport; W. N. Sharpe, director, New York; J. A. Graham, comptroller.

Chicago; R. L. Durham, grand secretary-treasurer; J. D. Anderson, director, St. Paul; Sample, ex-comptroller, Jersey City. Rear: Ex-director A. W. Jordan, St. Paul; H. R. Lary, supervisor, industrial relations; J. J. Nolan, vice president of traffic, Pullman company; Wayne Irvin, vice president-comptroller, Pullman company; R. C. Buckingham, passenger traffic manager, Pullman company; J. Silverman, assistant to the president, Pullman company.





## Attend Chi Confab

Delegates to the thirty-third annual convention of the Pullman Porters Benefit Association in Chicago recently resolved to bolster its protection program and stressed the importance of community activity. Pictured are officers of the group as they took time out at the Windy City meet. Front row, left to right: J. A.

Graham, controller, Chicago; R. L. Durham, grand secretary-treasurer, Chicago; E. M. Graham, grand chairman, Chicago, and A. Barksdale, vice grand chairman, San Francisco, Calif. Back row: Directors L. J. T. Willie, Dallas, Tex.; C. S. Buckner, Pittsburgh, Pa.; V. F. Gilmore, Louisville, Ky.; J. D. Anderson, St. Paul, Minn., and W. N. Sharper, New York City.

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## Benefit Association's Assets Top \$500,000 Mark

# Porters' Group Bolsters Legal Reserve Life Protection Set-up

CHICAGO—A stronger protection through its Legal Reserve Life Protection was urged in a resolution by delegates to the Pullman Porters Benefit Association at the organization's thirty-third annual convention here recently. It was also revealed that as Atty. J. Ernest Wilkins, member of the President's Committee on Government Contracts; sets are limited at over a half billion dollars.

E. M. Graham, president of the association and grand chairman of the confab at Washington Park YMCA, urged more emphasis on the program of the association and stressed the importance of participation in civic, political and religious activities of the various communities and national affairs. Over 120 delegates, including members of the National Women's Auxiliary, attended the three-day meet. An election of officers for the new term was held.

Principal speakers included Wayne Irwin, vice president and

burgh, Pa.; V. F. Gilmore, Louisville, Ky.; J. D. Anderson, St. Paul, Minn., and W. N. Sharpe, New York, N. Y.

The present officers of National Women's Auxiliary are: Mrs. Ruth Lowe, president, Houston, Tex.; Mrs. Evelyn Overstreet, first vice president, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Lula Alexander, second vice president, Fort Worth, Tex.; Mrs. Mayme Newbrandt, third vice president, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Josephine Graham, financial secretary-treasurer, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Lillian Cooke, secretary, Roxbury, Mass.

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# Dr. Howard

## Blasts Spineless Negro Leadership

CLARKSDALE, Miss. — Dr. T. R. M. Howard of Mound Bayou, Miss., in his keynote address before 1,500 people attending the opening of the annual Grand Conclave of the United Order of Friendship of America, gave a stinging rebuke to what he describes as the spineless Negro leadership in the State of Mississippi.

He stated that the shedding of unsegregated blood at the ends of the earth for the cause of democracy should call for equal rights of all peoples in this democracy, regardless of race, creed or color. "We have fooled ourselves," said Dr. Howard, "into believing that there is such a thing as separate but equal facilities in matters pertaining to human rights."

"There is no such a thing as separate but equal facilities in education or anything else pertaining to the rights of the individual. There is no use of a poor state like Mississippi talking about separate but equal facilities."

"UNDER A system of separate, but equal school facilities, both white and Negro education will suffer. To attempt to support a dual system of education, meeting the high educational standards of America today, would wreck the economy of the entire South."

Governor White is reported in the press, said Dr. Howard, as stating that the resolution which was sent to the Mississippi State Legislature, by the group which Prof. J. B. Boyd called together in Jackson, did not express the views of the "good Negroes" of the state.

"I would be happy if the Governor would give us the definition of a 'good (Negro),' Dr.



DR. T. R. M. HOWARD

... "we have fooled ourselves" Howard continued.

"I would like to inform the Governor that every progressive Negro in Mississippi is 100 per cent in favor of the resolution which was sent by the group."

"If America is to continue to lead the democratic forces of the world, every amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America must be enforced in every state in the union and democracy must be practiced in Mississippi as well as the rest of America."

THE PATTERN of segregation and discrimination as practiced in our South is costly, un-Christian and undemocratic.

"My faith has been shaken in the justice that Negroes can expect in the courts in Mississippi when racial issues are involved. Even Federal grand juries are made up of men whose thinking is the same as the thinking of the accused."

"In a recent case, which involved the rights of Negro landowners to pay poll tax in Humphrey County, which was presented to a Federal grand jury on Sept. 17 of this year, at Oxford, Miss., because of the fact that the grand jury was made up of white citizens who felt the same way about Negroes voting as the sheriff of Humphrey County, the Federal grand jury failed to bring a true bill against the sheriff of this county."

"Notwithstanding the fact that the paying of poll tax has been a legal prerequisite to voting since 1826 in the State of Mississippi, the grand jury upheld the violation of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America."

"THE NEGRO leaders must realize that with the Supreme Court outlawing segregation in the public school system of America, as I feel sure that they will do, we will be faced with the same problem of enforcing this decision that we have been faced with in enforcing the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States. I do not believe that the change will come overnight, but under God we must work toward the

goal of complete freedom in this democracy."

The following telegram was sent to Gov. Hugh White by Dr. Howard:

Gov. Hugh White,  
Jackson, Miss.

I have just returned home from a meeting of the National Negro Business League, and have read with interest your statement, Prof. J. B. Boyd's statement, and the Rev. H. H. Humes' statement to the press concerning the issue of segregation in the public schools of our state. As president of the Mississippi Regional Council of Negro leadership and as a taxpayer of Mississippi, I feel that I should say to you that the thinking Negro of Mississippi knows that our state cannot finance a segregated system of education which is equal and adequate. Both white and Negro education will suffer under your proposal. To attempt to support a dual system of education, meeting the high educational standards of America today, would wreck the economy of the South. Why fool ourselves, it can't be done. Every progressive Negro in the state will stand for the resolution sent to you by the group that Professor Boyd called together in Jackson. The shedding of unsegregated blood on foreign battlefields by our own Mississippi Negro soldiers call for the same and equal rights for all of our children, white and black, to develop in our democracy. The pattern of segregation and discrimination as practiced in Mississippi is costly, un-Christian, and undemocratic.

T. R. M. HOWARD, M.D.





**GREEK-LETTER FRATERNITY** and sorority leaders, in recent convention in Cleveland, Ohio, talk with Mrs. Grace Hale Jordan (left) consultant, Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Left to right: Mrs. Jordan, James S. Scott, a Kappa Alpha Psi leader, who is president of the American Council on Human Rights; Dr. Nancy B. Woolridge, president of Zeta Phi Beta sorority; Miss Dorothy I. Height, president of Delta Sigma Theta sorority; Mrs. Sallie Nuby Edwards, president of Sigma Gamma Rho sorority; Mrs. Laura T. Lovelace, president of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority; and Atty. Belford V. Lawson, Jr., former president of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

## Nearly 3,500 Attend Six 'Greek' Confabs

CLEVELAND, Ohio. — Six Greek-letter organizations which held conventions simultaneously here Christmas week attracted nearly 3,500 persons from all parts of the country.

The total official registration for the four sorority and two fraternity conclaves was 3,492 with the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority bringing in the largest number, 1052.

Registrations at the other conventions were:

Delta Sigma Theta, 764; Alpha Phi Alpha, 639; Kappa Alpha Psi, 591; Zeta Phi Beta, 268 and Sigma Gamma Rho, 183.

Only the Kappas left the city with a new national president. Dr. W. Henry "Stud" Greene of Washington was elected grand pole-march of Kappa Alpha Psi, succeeding Frank Summerfield of E. St. Louis, Mo.

*Handwritten: Kappa Alpha Psi*  
Other National Heads

The other national presidents who remain in office are: Alpha Phi Alpha, A. Maceo Smith of Dallas; Alpha Kappa Alpha, Mrs. Laura T. Lovelace of Cincinnati; Delta Sigma Theta, Miss Dorothy Height of New York; Zeta Phi Beta, Dr. Nancy B. Woolridge of Hampton, Va.; and Sigma Gamma Rho, Mrs. Sallie Nuby Edwards of Los Angeles.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority elected the following officers: Mrs. Wilberetta Johnson of Cleveland, first national vice president; Miss Norma J. Carter of New York, student at the University of Indiana, second vice president; Mrs. Carriebell J. Cook of Cleveland, national secretary; Mrs. Lucille B. Wilkins of Chicago, parliamentarian. The terms of all national officers do not expire in the same year, so the A.K.A.'s elect half of their officers one year and half the next.

Official organ of the sorority. Mrs. Dorothy H. Davis of Kansas City, Mo., was chosen editor, succeeding Mrs. Lucille Scott of Atlanta whose term had expired.

Four regional directors were elected: Mrs. A. Cathryn Johnson of Atlanta, southeast region; Dr. Rose Butler Brown of Durham, N. C., South Atlantic region, succeeding Miss Zatella Turner of Kansas City, Kas.; Miss Evelyn Roberts of St. Louis, central region and Miss Carolyn Carrington of Ber-

keley, Calif., Far western region. The A.K.A.'s will hold their 1953 meeting in St. Louis and their 1954 meeting in Nashville. The Kappas will go to Chicago next year and the Alphas to Detroit.

The six organizations which met in Cleveland this year are sponsors of the American Council on Human Rights, which maintains headquarters in Washington to promote the passage of legislation favorable to minority groups. The American Council, in a pub-

lic meeting sponsored jointly by the six organizations Sunday afternoon presented a human rights plaque to President Harry S. Truman for his leadership in improving human relations during his term in the White House. The plaque was accepted for the President by Oscar L. Chapman, secretary of the interior.

Through Competitive Exams

The scholarships were awarded through competitive examination. The Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority gives foreign fellowships and



# Conclaves and Contributions

THREE recent items in the press are extremely interesting and significant when placed side by side.

One news story quoted C. D. Jackson, chairman of the United Negro College Fund, to the effect that contributions to the support of thirty-three private, accredited colleges and universities for operating expenses, including scholarship aid, teaching and laboratory equipment, faculty salaries, student health programs and library books, totaled in 1952, the sum of \$1,366,310.

If 1952 was like previous years, most of this money was contributed by white people.

The second item came from San Francisco and reported the remarks of Dr. Charles S. Johnson of Fisk University, speaking at the closing convocation of the heads of thirty-one Negro colleges and universities.

Urging nation-wide support for Negro colleges as a means of offering special scholarship aid to superior Negro youth who otherwise might never be discovered, Dr. Johnson declared the nation was not taking full advantage of a "vast new reserve of manpower potential for the complex operations of industry, Government and human services."

The third story, several times longer than the other two, related in great detail the fabulous conventions of nine Negro fraternities and sororities held in Cleveland, Richmond, Nashville and Philadelphia on which an estimated \$2,225,000 was spent by the Greek-letter folk for clothes, hotels, travel, food, whisky, entertainment, rentals, registration and miscellaneous items.

These "downtrodden" and "underprivileged" Negroes spent a million more dollars in a few days than the United Negro College Fund and the NAACP together raised in the entire year 1952; and extremely little of the fortune spent remained within the group or even served any group purpose of any fundamental importance.

We are not decrying these Babylonian get-togethers which are always such social successes, but merely wish to point out that colored people do have the means of supporting their worth-while institutions and endeavors but too often do not have

the will to do so.

The other day we were talking to an American Negro who had recently visited Kenya and Uganda in East Africa, and one of his criticisms of the natives there was that as soon as they got some money they invested it in fine clothes and automobiles; whereas the East Indians saved their money and invested it in businesses, with the result that they are the middle men of the two colonies from whom the Negroes have to buy everything.

Eventually both they and we shall learn the rugged facts of life, but probably too late.

## Columbia Acts Against Bias In Campus Units

### Action Setting A 1960 Deadline for Banning Discrimination Strikes at Some Fraternities

Special From The New York Times to The Courier-Journal

New York, May 10.—Columbia University has decided to withdraw recognition by Oct. 1, 1960, from all campus organizations, except religious groups, that deny membership because of an applicant's race, color, or religion.

The action was announced today by the Committee on Students Organizations, a supervisory student-faculty-administration group. It reflects the consensus of Columbia College students as expressed in a referendum held last week. Columbia College is one division of Columbia University.

The ban strikes directly at the discriminatory practices of some fraternities. These practices have been hotly debated not only at Columbia but also in colleges over the country since the end of the World War II and the heavy influx of veterans to campuses.

#### Similar to Others

The prohibition is similar to that already in force at Amherst College, the University of Connecticut, and Dartmouth College, and one projected for the University of Michigan.

At Connecticut four of the 18 fraternities severed ties with their national organizations as a result of the ban. They were chapters of Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Nu, Kappa Sigma, and Sigma Chi.

Two of these—Sigma Nu, and

Sigma Chi—have chapters at Columbia that have been reluctantly enforcing the discriminatory provisions of their national organizations. Two other fraternity chapters at Columbia—Zeta Beta Tau and Alpha Sigma Phi—are in similar position.

#### Some Have Revolted

At other colleges where no formal ban has been enacted, there has been a series of revolts by local chapters against the policies of the national fraternities, revolts that have usually ended either with expulsion or resignation of the chapters.

The most recent of these was the February expulsion of the Williams College chapter of Phi Delta Theta for pledging a Jewish student.

The Columbia action flies directly in the face of a resolution adopted last year by the National Interfraternity Conference, which declared that "any attempt to restrict or regulate" the right of a college fraternity to choose its own members was "an inadvisable interference with the fundamental right of free association guaranteed by the United States Constitution."

#### Against Outside Interference

The committee declared that Columbia wished to protect the student's freedom "to select friends and associates according to personal interests and tastes" against "interference by persons or groups outside the university."

The statement added that "the committee sincerely hopes" that the discriminating fraternities "will assure the freedom of choice for its members at Columbia well in advance of the date now finally fixed."

Attempts to eliminate discriminatory fraternity practices have provoked continual debate on the campus. In May, 1950, the College Student Board, acting on a referendum, suggested that the committee set a 1956 deadline.

In 1951-52 the committee questioned 16 national organizations represented on the campus as to whether their laws contained discriminatory provisions.

Last month the interfraternity council, Pamphratia, noted "the involuntary discrimination forced on campus chapters by their national constitutions" and asked the committee to relay the university's attitude after a student referendum.

The referendum indicated that 1,011 of the 1,551 voters—Columbia College has 2,300 students—favored the setting of a deadline. The national organizations have not yet been informed of the 1960 deadline.

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New York Times News Service Special to The Atlanta Constitution

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The opening meeting was devoted to Chapter Reports by Regional Directors, National Historian, secretary-treasurer, Office of Public Relations, and the national president.

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Elected to the Executive Council were Johnella Hutchings, Tennessee A and I College; George F. David, Central State College, and John Mitchell, A and T College. Regional directors elected were: Region 1, Dean T. E. McKinney, Johnson C. Smith University; Region 2, Walter N. Redley, Virginia State College; Region 3, Dr. W. W. Jones, Kentucky State College; Region 4, Dr. I. A. Derbigny, Tuskegee Institute, and Region 5, Dr. T. C. Cothran, AM and N College.

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Elected to the Executive Council were Johnella Hutchings, Tennessee A and I College; George F. David, Central State College, and John Mitchell, A and T College. Regional directors elected were: Region 1, Dean T. E. McKinney, Johnson C. Smith University; Region 2, Walter N. Redley, Virginia State College; Region 3, Dr. W. W. Jones, Kentucky State College; Region 4, Dr. I. A. Derbigny, Tuskegee Institute, and Region 5, Dr. T. C. Cothran, AM and N College.

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# Columbia Frats Must End Racist Policies By 1960

NEW YORK — Fraternities at Columbia University with racial, religious or color bars last week were given until Oct. 1, 1960 to end biased admission policies or face loss of recognition by the university.

The ultimatum affects all campus organizations except religious groups. It was issued by the Committee on Student Organizations, a student-faculty-administration group at Columbia college, through Nicholas M. McKnight, a member of the body and dean of Columbia College.

Directly affected are four Columbia fraternity chapters; Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi, Zeta Beta Tau and Alpha Sigma Phi. Their national charters carry restrictive clauses.

The committee's action followed a referendum last week in which undergraduates voted 1,011-540 in favor of setting a deadline for removal of discriminatory admission clauses in the constitutions or rituals of non-religious student groups.

## COLUMBIA TO END FRATERNITY BIAS

Sets Oct. 1, 1960, to Withdraw  
Recognition From Groups  
Practicing Discrimination

Columbia University has decided to withdraw recognition by Oct. 1, 1960, from all campus organizations, except religious groups that deny membership because of an applicant's race, color, or religion. The action was announced yesterday by the Committee on Student Organizations, a supervisory student-faculty-administration group. It reflects the consensus of Columbia College students as expressed in a referendum held last week.

The ban strikes directly at the discriminatory practices of some fraternities, which have been a hotly debated issue not only at

Columbia but also in colleges over the country since the end of the last war and the heavy influx of veterans to campuses.

The prohibition is similar to that already in force at Amherst College, the University of Connecticut and Dartmouth College, and one projected for the University of Michigan. At the University of Connecticut four of the eighteen fraternities severed ties with their national organizations as a result of the ban. They were the chapters of Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Nu, Kappa Sigma and Sigma Chi.

Two of these—Sigma Nu and Sigma Chi—have local chapters at Columbia University that have been reluctantly enforcing the discriminatory provisions of their national organizations. Two other fraternity chapters at Columbia—Zeta Beta Tau and Alpha Sigma Phi—are in similar position.

At other colleges where no formal ban has been enacted, there has been a series of revolts by local chapters against the policies of the national fraternities, revolts that have usually ended either with expulsion or resignation of the chapters. The most recent of these was the February expulsion of the Williams College chapter of Phi Delta Theta for pledging a Jewish student.

The Columbia action flies directly in the face of a resolution adopted last year by the National Interfraternity Conference, which declared that "any attempt to restrict or regulate the right of a college fraternity to choose its own members was an inadvisable interference with the fundamental right of free association guaranteed by the United States Constitution."

### For Protection of Individual

The committee resolution, passed unanimously on Friday, follows:

"Recognition on the Columbia campus shall be withdrawn from any fraternity, social organization or other student group that, after Oct. 1, 1960, is compelled by its constitution, rituals or government to deny membership to any person because of his race, color or religion."

"This resolution shall not apply

to a student group that is organized in good faith for devotional purposes or for the study or propagation of a religious faith."

In an accompanying statement, the committee declared that Columbia wished to protect the student's freedom "to select friends and associates according to personal interests and tastes" against "interference by persons or groups outside the university."

The statement added that "the committee sincerely hopes" that the discriminating fraternities "will assure the freedom of choice for its members at Columbia well in advance of the date now finally fixed."

Members of the committee are Nicholas McD. McKnight, Dean of Students at Columbia College; Dwight C. Miner, Professor of History; Walter Gellhorn, Professor of Law; Richard Chapin, chairman of the Columbia University Student Council, and Victor Crichton, outgoing chairman of the Columbia College Board of Student Representatives. A sixth member, Assistant Provost W. Emerson Gentzler, did not participate. He is on vacation in England.

### Background of the Action

Attempts to eliminate discriminatory fraternity practices have provoked continual debate on campus. In November, 1950, the college student board, acting on a referendum, suggested that the committee set a 1956 deadline.

In 1951-52 the committee questioned sixteen national organizations represented on the campus as to whether their laws contained discriminatory provisions. Last month the interfraternity council, Pamphratia, noted "the involuntary discrimination forced on Columbia chapters by their national constitutions" and asked the committee to relay the university's attitude after a student referendum.

The referendum indicated that 1,011 of the 1,551 voters—the college has 2,300 students—favored the setting of a deadline. According to committee members, the national organizations have not yet been informed of the 1960 deadline.

Presidents of the four discriminating chapters, whose combined membership is 180, either would not comment on the deadline or could not be reached. However, members of Zeta Beta Tau said they were hopeful that offending clauses would be removed at their national convention this summer.

# New York Again Leads

BACKED by a strong Educational Equality law, the State University of New York moved last week to end racial discrimination in fraternities and sororities in state-operated colleges by ordering all student social organizations to sever their national fraternal affiliations and to eliminate any "artificial criteria" in selecting members.

This is one of the severest measures ever directed against fraternities and sororities and affects twenty-five national groups at the two state medical schools and at nine teacher-training colleges with a total enrollment of 13,000.

Moreover, eleven other mainly technical institutions with 8,000 students are "potentially" affected since they do not now have any nationally affiliated chapters.

New York has again set the pace for the rest of the country, and we hope that the other states will follow suit.

However, the progress of reform is determined by the pressure exerted by those who are most interested in it, and this means Negroes.

The progress of state FEPCs has been rather rapid, considering that the first state FEPC law was passed in New York in 1945, followed by ten other states.

What is now needed is a strengthening of those FEPC laws and the passage of more, to them be followed by the passage of educational equality laws similar to that of New York State.

To do this requires more than wishful thinking, more than just holding mass meetings and writing indignant letters; it requires sound organization, which means political organization, which means registering and voting.

Negroes have not yet used their full political potential, but if they want to get what they want this is what they will have to do.



## BIAS ON THE CAMPUS

Columbia University has moved in the right direction in its decision to withdraw university recognition from any organization that is obliged by its national regulations to discriminate in its membership on a racial or religious basis. The deadline for this action, set at 1960, certainly allows ample time for a revision of the national constitutions of the organizations that would be affected by the ban.

There is a steadily growing feeling throughout a large part of the country that fraternal discrimination should be ended. The National Interfraternity Conference adopted a resolution last year, however, in which it took the position that "any attempt to restrict or regulate" the right of a college fraternity to choose its own members was an inadvisable interference with the right of free association. It is on the basis of a resolution such as this that national fraternities can withdraw the charters of local chapters, as was done, for example, in the case of Phi Delta Theta at Williams.

The facts in the case, to our mind, would put the exactly opposite construction on this resolution. A clause in the national constitution of a fraternity that prescribes racial or religious barriers is in itself "restricting and regulating" the right of the chapters to choose their own members. No one can quarrel with the right of "free association," but it ought to work both ways.

Some of the national constitutions affected by an order such as Columbia's were written a long time ago and do not actually represent the wish and feeling of a majority of the chapters and membership at the present time. Official action by universities can supply some pressure to get needed revision that might otherwise be allowed to lag through mere inertia.

It stands to reason that a social organization on a campus should not be required to admit any individual person at any given time. After all, membership in a fraternity is not a civil right. But, by the same token, no such organization should be obliged to exclude a given person at a given time on racial or religious grounds. To do so is to foster and preserve concepts of bias and discrimination that our colleges, as well as the rest of the society, are, happily, trying to outgrow.

## CBS Prexy Resigns Frat Because Of Race Bars

NEW YORK — (ANP — Frank Stanton, president of the Columbia Broadcasting System resigned from the Phi Delta Theta fraternity last week because of that organization's "discriminatory" restrictions on membership.

Stanton wrote the fraternity's national headquarters at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, that his action stemmed directly and solely from an article of the fraternity's "constitution" which allegedly bars membership to persons "not of pure Aryan blood."

Stanton said he had been trying unsuccessfully for years to have the fraternity's constitution changed in regard to membership. He said his letter of resignation was "in effect, an admission of defeat."

At Columbia Broadcasting System headquarters in New York, Stanton's racial policy is well known. Without fanfare or advertising, Negroes have been absorbed in the far flung radio system in many phases, both in production and in general office work.

Several upper echelon CBS officials have Negro secretaries and throughout the big building on Madison Avenue, colored workers are employed in many capacities.

Even in the technical production end, CBS has moved ahead in hiring and actually putting colored workers on its staff. In the public relations department of the radio division, it is noticeable that a colored writer works in close conjunction with the staff and has as his regular assignment 20 radio shows.

### STATE FRATERNITY BAN AT UNIVERSITY FOUGHT

UTICA, N. Y., Nov. 25 (AP) — A national fraternity today asked a Federal Court for an injunction restraining the State University of New York from banning national fraternities and sororities from units of the State University.

The president of Sigma Tau Gamma filed a petition with the clerk of the United States District Court here naming the State University, its president, William S.

Carlson of Albany, and its trustees as defendants. The petition described the action of the trustees in banning the national social organizations on Oct. 8 as "discriminatory and capricious" and alleged that the action was in violation of the United States Constitution.

The petitioner was Earl Webb, national president of Sigma Tau Gamma, and a resident of St. Joseph, Mo. The attorney for the petitioner was Clifford H. Searl, former Justice of New York State Supreme Court. On Oct. 9, Mr. Searl said the National Inter-Fraternity Conference would consider action against the State University. There was no indication whether the suit filed today was an outgrowth of such consideration by the conference.

The petition asked the court to declare the action of the trustees null and void, contrary to Constitutional rights and to the rights of free assembly and alleged that no due process has been had and that there has been no opportunity to be heard.

In Albany, Mr. Carlson reaffirmed the trustees' action in banning fraternities in the university system.

"I think we made the right decision," Carlson said. "The action we took was not taken hastily and was made only after considerable study of the entire problem."



SANCTIONED FOR J.C. PRACTICES:

# Fraternity opens fight on State university ban

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UTICA, N.Y. (ANP) — Last week, a national white fraternity, Sigma Tau Gamma, through its president, Earl Webb, asked the Federal Court for an injunction restraining the State University of New York from banning national fraternities and sororities from uni<sup>9</sup> of the school.

Naming the State university, its president and trustees as defendants, the fraternity filed a petition describing the action as "discriminatory and capricious" and alleged that the action was in violation of the 14th Amendment of the Constitution.

President Webb, who is a native of St. Joseph, Mo., objects to the order by the trustees of the State University, dated Oct. 8, which ordered all fraternities, sororities and similar organizations at state operated universities to sever connections with their national organizations, because in at least three instances the national groups refused to permit local chapters to admit colored students or Jews.

## Policies Cited

At that time, Dr. William S. Carlson of Albany, president of the State university said, "one of the pillars" on which the university was founded was that it would practice no discrimination against race, color, creed, religion or national origin.

Attorney for the petitioner is Clifford H. Searl, former justice of the New York State Supreme Court.

Sigma Tau Gamma is a social fraternity of male students with chapters at 45 colleges or universities throughout the United States, its rules provide that there shall be no religious test for membership; that they do not bar any students because of race, color or religion.



**NEW OFFICERS OF PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL:** Mrs. Arnetta G. Wallace of Knoxville, Tenn., newly elected chairman of the National Pan-Hellenic Council receives the congratulations of Attorney Milo C. Murray of Gary, Indiana, (retiring chairman) as Dr. Nancy B. Woolridge, national basileus of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority looks on. Mrs. Wallace was elected at the national convention in Louisville, Ky.



**PAN-HELLENIC ELECTS**—Mrs. Arnetta G. Wallace of Knoxville, Tenn., newly elected chairman of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, which met in Louisville, Ky., May 8-9, receives the congratulations of Atty. Milo C. Murray of Gary, Ind., and retiring chairman of the organization, as Dr. Nancy B. Woolridge, National Basileus of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and professor of English literature at Hampton Institute, Va., looks on. The occasion was the group's annual banquet held at Lang House.

## Mrs. A. G. Wallace To Head Pan-Hellenic Council

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The twenty-fourth annual convention of the National Pan-Hellenic Council meeting here May 8-9, is now history . . . rich in the traditions of its past achievements.

The Midwest regional convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity — meeting on the same dates — held a public meeting with the council at the new Central High School.

Atty. John W. Kellogg, city

councilman of Cleveland, Ohio, and senior vice grand polemarch of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, was principal speaker for the occasion.

### ELECT OFFICERS

The convention closed with election of officers, followed by its annual banquet.

Officers elected and appointed were Mrs. Arnetta G. Wallace of Knoxville, Tenn., national chairman; Dr. J. Ernest Wilkins of New York, national vice chairman; Verdine L. Robinson of Washington, D. C., re-elected national executive secretary; Mrs. Edith Dodd of Kansas City, Mo., re-elected national treasurer; J. Benjamin Morton Jr., of Louisville, Ky., appointed national director of Public Relations; Miss Grace Wilson of St. Louis, Northern regional director; Mrs. Geraldine D. Elliott of Washington, D. C., re-elected Eastern regional director; the Rev. Dr. Leonard F. Morse of Jacksonville, Fla., Southern regional director; Atty. Milo C. Murray of Gary, Ind., retiring national chairman and elected as a member-at-large; Miss Elsie Mae Davis of Charleston, W. Va., elected member-at-large; William E. Payton of Durham, N. C., member-at-large, and Mrs. Lucille R. Madry of Louisville, Ky., a member-at-large.

## Cleveland Councilman Keynotes Pan-Hellenic Council Meeting

45b BY J. BENJAMIN HORTON, JR.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The 24th annual convention of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, meeting in Louisville May 8-9, last, is now history . . . rich in the traditions of its past achievements. Out of this convention came invaluable contributions which are destined to progress the Negroes' cause on all fronts.

Aside from the general business of the conference, the National Pan-Hellenic Council in cooperation with the Mid-West regional convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity — meeting on the same dates — held a public meeting Friday evening, May 8, at the Central High School.

Attorney John W. Kellogg, city councilman of Cleveland, Ohio and senior Vice-Grand Polemarch of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, was principal speaker for the occasion. The conference theme, "Unity for Better Human Relations," was the subject of Mr. Kellogg's address.

"There must be unity of thought and action to improve human relations," asserted the speaker. Continuing Kellogg stated that "there are 150,000 Greeks in the United States who should effect the thinking of a large segment of our country." He further stated that "our representatives, nationally and abroad, should present this unity of thought and action instead of personal views regarding civil rights."

Attorney Kellogg "opposed gradualists who tend to lull the masses asleep by inactivity, indifference and condoning the inequities of life. On this score, the speaker further asserted that "there is no place for condonation, indifference and inactivity where the rights of people are in jeopardy. Second class citizenship should not exist."

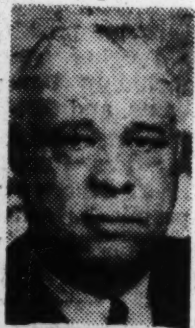
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## Forum Books

### A. W. Mitchell

Former Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell will discuss "Democracy in the United States" at the King of Clubs public forum sponsored by the Miami Pan Hellenic Council at St. John Baptist Church Sunday at 3:45 p.m.



MITCHELL

Mitchell was the first Negro Democrat to serve in the Congress, and was the second member of his race to serve in the Congress since Reconstruction days. He represented an Illinois district, but since his retirement has lived in Petersburg, Va.

The ex-congressman's appearance will be the feature of the fifth of seven programs in the group's 1952-53 schedule.

The Miami Pan Hellenic society is composed of three Negro fraternities and three Negro sororities. The committee arranging the forums is composed of Mrs. Linnie W. Fanning, chairman, and Mrs. E. A. Ward, Mrs. Ruth North Polite, Mrs. Pauline Dunn, Mrs. Doratha Payne and Albert Miller.

### Miss Graye Attends Pan Hellenic Council

GREENSBORO, N. C. — Miss Mytrolene L. Graye represented the Greensboro Pan-Hellenic Council at the 24th annual convention of the National Pan-Hellenic Council on May 8 and 9 in Louisville, Ky.

The general sessions of the convention were held in the new Central High School.

The convention was presided over by the national chairman, Atty. Milo S. Murray of Gary, Ind. and the theme was: "Unity For Better Human Relations."

Miss Graye received special commendation from the national chairman for the report she presented to the body.

The trip to and from Louisville was made by plane.



## New Phi Beta Kappas

It was on December 5, 1776 that a small group gathered in the Apollo Room of Raleigh Tavern, Williamsburg, Va.

The result of that historic meeting was the founding of Phi Beta Kappa, the first Greek letter fraternity in the United States.

Since that time the wearer of a Phi Beta Kappa key has been universally recognized as truly a man of distinction. He represented the highest in scholarship attainment.

On April 5, 1953 almost 177 years later another meeting was held in Nashville, Tenn. And several days later, a similar gathering assembled in the District of Columbia.

The result of these meetings was the installation at Fisk and Howard Universities of the first Phi Beta Kappa chapters on the campuses of predominantly colored schools.

These events marked signal and long deserved recognition of the highest scholarship standards maintained at these two institutions.

To Presidents Charles Johnson and Mordecai Johnson, the faculties, and the brilliant students who will proudly wear the symbolic key go our warmest congratulations.

## DR. BUNCHE URGES FRATERNITIES &amp; SORORITIES TO CONSOLIDATE RACIALLY

## RALPH BUNCHE URGES TOTAL INTEGRATION

WASHINGTON, D. C. — "No individual Negro, Phi Beta Kappa no less than cotton-picker, can ever hope to enjoy full dignity or emancipation so long as the Negro group suffers minority status," Nobel Peace Prize Winner Ralph J. Bunche told a Howard University gathering Wednesday evening (April 8th).

Speaking at the installation exercises of the Phi Beta Kappa honorary fraternity, the Director of the Division of Trusteeships for the United Nations seized upon the opportunity to call for the integration of the Negro not only into select groups, but in all phases of American life.

Dr. Bunche, who formerly taught at Howard, spoke to a capacity crowd at Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel and to several hundreds more gathered at other points on the campus to hear the installation exercises over public address amplifiers.

Assessing that the installation of Howard University into the nation's oldest Greek-letter organization is an important step forward in the educational advancement of the Negro, Dr. Bunche cautioned that "Although this marks progress, the ultimate goal is still to be won."

"This goal is the only goal that can be compatible with American democracy," he said, "the complete integration in the life of the nation of all citizens without regard to color or creed."



## Fraternity Suspends Williams Unit For Admitting a Jewish Student

Special to The

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., Feb. 9—The Williams College chapter of Phi Delta Theta was suspended last night from membership in the national fraternity for accepting a Jewish student in contravention of a clause in its constitution that restricts membership to "men of white and full Aryan blood."

Peter F. Connolly, president of the chapter, said the student, who was pledged last September, was a resident of New York City, but declined to give his name or class "because it might cause him more embarrassment."

Inquiry at the national office in Oxford, Ohio, met with the reply that the executive secretary, Paul C. Beam, was out of town. Dr. James Phinney Baxter 3d, president of Williams, a college for men, declined to comment as did other officers.

According to Mr. Connolly, the charter was formally removed last night after a secret ballot of the fifty-seven student members showed they had "voted unanimously" in favor of remaining by their pledge.

He said that on Nov. 8 a committee of three undergraduates and three graduate members of the Williams chapter had been authorized to "investigate the issue."

The committee, he continued, polled the alumni of the chapter "on their stand in the matter, and nearly three-fourths of the chapter's alumni backed the Williams chapter's action."

Mr. Connolly declared the results of the meeting last night were "explained" to Mr. Beam, who said the national fraternity's general council was "suspending the Williams chapter as an interim disciplinary action until the next general convention."

To make the suspension permanent, Mr. Connolly added, the action must be approved by a three-fourths majority vote of the national convention, scheduled for August, 1954.

According to Mr. Connolly, Section Twenty-six of the national constitution "restricts membership in the fraternity to men of white and full Aryan blood."

In a prepared statement, Mr. Connolly said: "We have seriously considered the moral implications of the clause and we feel strongly that the discriminatory clause is incompatible with the principles of friendship and ethics as espoused in the bond of Phi Delta Theta."

About 80 per cent of the 1,000 students at the college are members of fifteen fraternities. On Jan. 15, 1952, students voted down by 509 to 390 a plan to admit all students to Greek-letter fraternities.

A week later, Dr. Baxter announced a million-dollar plan to overhaul student living conditions. He said the board of trustees had approved measures to provide "ample facilities for the intellectual, cultural, athletic and social development of every Williams undergraduate."

The measures included the following:

1. No student would be "rushed or pledged by a fraternity until his sophomore year."

2. Freshman would have meals in new college dining facilities "to promote the solidarity and spirit of the freshman class and improve social conditions on the campus in the interest of all."

The million-dollar project is scheduled to be completed by September, 1953.

## Frat Chapter Suspended For Pledging A Jew

PROVIDENCE, R. I. — The Brown University chapter of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity has backed the pattern of the Williams College chapter which was suspended for pledging a Jewish student.

The action came in the face of a declaration by former State Supreme Court Justice Meier Steinbrink, honorary national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Mr. Steinbrink had said that "nothing could be more un-American than the retention of a national fraternity of a clause limiting membership to white and Aryan students."

The Brown University chapter announced that it was ready to invite a similar suspension by the national fraternity for pledging a Negro or

Jew, although it had not done so as yet.

Robert Jacobson, chapter president and senior from Staten Island, declared he had received assurance from President Henry M. Wriston that he would back the local chapter in any opposition to racial or religious discrimination.

Meanwhile, Dr. James P. Baxter, III, president of Williams, said that the understanding at the college or fraternities rested on a resolution adopted in 1946 that stated:

"In elections to fraternities and to campus offices, the board (of trustees) holds that each undergraduate should be accorded whatever recognition to his ability, achievement, personality and character. The fraternity has its chapters in forty three states and six in Canadian provinces."

## AMHERST FRATERNITY OUSTED BY BIAS RULE

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES

AMHERST, Mass., May 26—The Amherst chapter of Phi Delta Theta was suspended from the national fraternity today by that organization's governing board, the General Council. The chapter was not advised of the cause but members assumed the action resulted from a disagreement over the fraternity's stipulations for membership.

The Amherst chapter, consisting of fifty-two active members and eighteen pledges from the freshman class, probably will become a local society. Its president is Norman B. Vander Clute, a junior from Rockville, Centre, L. I.

"When fraternities were reopened at Amherst following their closing during World War II," Mr. Vander Clute said, "the trustees of the college ruled that all fraternities must remove discriminatory restrictions governing membership from constitutions or by-laws by the fall of 1948; this date was later extended to 1952. Phi Delta Theta has a constitutional provision limiting membership to students of Aryan descent."

The chapter, he said, pledged students from the freshman class this spring without regard to Aryan descent.

Two of the campus thirteen fraternities were formerly members of national groups but broke off their connections over questions of costs and membership qualifications. The Williams College chapter of Phi Delta Theta was suspended in February for accepting a Jewish student.

## Phi Delta Theta (Discrimination) Fraternity

## Suspend Amherst Frat For OKing Non-Aryans

AMHERST, Mass. — The Amherst college chapter of Phi Delta Theta fraternity was suspended last week, presumably because the members of the local chapter bypassed a constitutional provision "limiting membership to students of Aryan descent."

Norman B. Vander Clute of Rockville Centre, L. I., chapter president, said the fraternity's general council gave no reason for the suspension.

However, he pointed out that his group had ignored the limiting clause in its spring pledging. He said the constitution of his fraternity is in conflict with the college's ban on "discriminating restrictions."

The same fraternity ordered suspension of its Williams college chapter last February when it pledged a Jewish student.



# Suspend Boston U Frat For Taking Ga. Student

BOSTON — Boston University's Mu Triton Chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity has been suspended by the National Board of officers because in its current position of the chapter, they took into membership a colored student, Robert Thomas of Atlanta, Ga., a liberal arts sophomore, they revealed.

Mu Triton will fight the National ruling, according to president Van Waes and Stanley who explained that the local group is in no sense "crusading." This is not a "test case," they declared.

**Fraternity Is Suspended**  
Carter Van Waes, Cambridge, retiring president, and incoming President Robert D. Stanley of Boston, in a joint statement said that after the chapter had pledged Thomas, regional officers of the fraternity presented the chapter with a mandate forbidding the initiation and notifying the chapter that it would be suspended for "just cause" if this man were elected to brotherhood.

Violation of the national by-laws concerning hell-week and hazing were the reasons given for the suspension, but the chapter members believe that the real reason has been "circumvented" and that the "just cause" alleged was mere pretext.

## Initiated May 2

The initiation took place at the chapter house, 330 Beacon st., Boston, on May 2. Supporting messages have already been received by Mu Triton Chapter from the chapters at Dartmouth, the University of Massachusetts and Hartwick College, Oneonta, N.Y.

The Hartwick College chapter has had a similar brush with national. Mu Triton Alumni officers, Richard Convey, Boston, and John Budreau, Andover, also support Mu Triton's action.

Although President Harold C. Case of Boston University was unavailable for comment, due to his absence out of town, the Boston University Interfraternity Conference, campus organization of 14 fraternities of which George Twigg, Needham, is speaker, in its Monday meeting gave a unanimous vote of confidence to the stand of Mu Triton chapter.

## Advisor Supports Stand

Dr. Edward R. Collier, profes-

## Boston U. Frat Suspended Over Colored Member

BOSTON — A Boston University fraternity this week was suspended by its national officers because it took into membership a colored student.

The Mu Triton chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa initiated Robert (Bob) Thomas of Atlanta, Liberal Arts student, Saturday, in defiance of the national body.

Carter Van Waes, Cambridge, Mass., retiring president, and Robert D. Shanley, Boston, incoming president, said the chapter would fight the ruling.

BOSTON, May 6 (AP). — The Boston University chapter of the fraternity Phi Sigma Kappa has been suspended by the national board of officers for accepting a Negro student, two chapter officials said last night.

Carter Van Waes of Cambridge, retiring president, and Robert D. Shanley of Boston, incoming president of the university's Mu Triton chapter, identified the student in question as Robert Thomas.

Messrs. Van Waes and Shanley said the national board of officers listed violation of national by-laws "concerning hell week and hazing" as the reasons for the suspension. They said in a statement, however, that the real reason has been "circumvented" and that the "just cause" alleged was a mere pretext.

They said regional officers of the national fraternity notified the chapter it would be suspended for "just cause" if Mr. Thomas was accepted.

At Schenectady, N. Y., David Meyer, head of the fraternity's Union College chapter said the chapter was considering dropping its national affiliation but first wanted to look further into the Boston matter.

## Phi Sigma Kappa At Boston U. Gets Axe

### VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

BOSTON — Mu Triton chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity at Boston university has been suspended by the national body because it initiated a Negro student, Robert Thomas of Atlanta, Ga., on May 2.

The action came after the Boston university chapter failed to heed a mandate from regional officers forbidding the initiation and notifying the chapter that it would be suspended for "just cause" if Thomas was "elected to brotherhood."

Although President Harold C. Case of Boston university was unavailable for comment, due to his absence out of town, the Boston university Interfraternity Conference, campus organization of 14 fraternities, gave a unanimous vote of confidence to the stand of Mu Triton chapter.

Supporting messages have already been received by Mu Triton from chapters at Dartmouth, the University of Massachusetts and Hartwick College.

### ANTI-NEGRO RESOLUTION

Violation of the national by-laws concerning Hell-Week and hazing were reasons given for the suspension, but the chapter members claimed the real reason has been "circumvented" and that the "just cause" alleged was a mere pretext.

Background of the dissension dates to last summer when at Bedford Springs, Pa., conclave of national delegates, a resolution was passed that no Negro could be initiated into the fraternity without the consent of all chapters. Opposed by Mu Triton's delegates, the resolution was passed.

The Boston university chapter last October wrote the Grand chapter disagreeing with the national decision regarding the initiation of Negroes, asking to be placed on record and accompanied by a four page resolution protesting the resolution and calling for a "positive rather than a merely negative approach to the problem of inter-racial relations," closing the plea that "we can make brotherhood the rights of every man, not merely the shield of some."



Mrs. Upshaw Honored**Texas U. Elects Woman to  
National Honorary Fraternity**

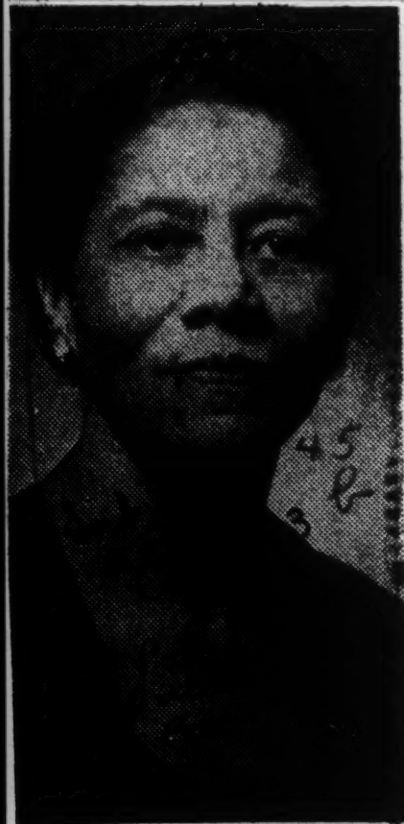
AUSTIN, Tex.—Miss C. Ruthlate Mr. and Mrs. A. W. W. Upshaw, a candidate for the degree of Master of Education at the University of Texas, was recently accorded the high honor of being the first Negro woman on the campus to be initiated into the Psi Chapter of Pi Lambda Theta, of Bachelor of Music from Talladega College, and has studied at the New England Conservatory in Boston, Chicago Musical College and the University of California at Berkeley.

Only those are selected for membership who have a high record in class work and who have given evidence of unusual ability in other lines of endeavor.

Austin is proud to acclaim the accomplishments of the work being done by Negroes at the University of Texas. They are holding their own and are endeavoring to prove to the public that

Miss Upshaw has taught music at Tillotson College for the past several years, and is well known throughout Texas for her work with the musical groups of Tillotson.

At the present time she is employed at the Blind, Deaf and Orphan Institute, state school for handicapped children, with a particular interest in the field of speech. She is active in religious and civic affairs in Austin, holding membership in Metropolitan AME Church and the YWCA. She is basileus of Beta Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.



MRS. C. RUTH UPSHAW

... Pi Lambda Theta initiate. an equal opportunity is all that is asked.

**NASHVILLE NATIVE**

Miss Upshaw is a native of Nashville, Tenn., the youngest child born to the union of the



# Detroit Wins Over Washington, D.C. For '53 Annual Meeting

**A. Maceo Smith Elected President of Historic Fraternity; M. G. Ferguson Is Re-elected Treasurer; James A. Huger Again Chosen General Secretary**

(By Long Distance Phone from Cleveland, Ohio). — Members and delegates of the Thirty-eighth Annual Convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha Greek Letter Fraternity closed out their 1952 session in a blaze of glory. One of the largest delegations in the history of the Fraternity registered, enrolled and attended. All officers submitted their reports in mimeograph form, which were distributed to the delegates who filled one of the auditoriums on the fourth floor of the Cleveland Civic Auditorium. The Tennessee delegation was in evidence throughout the meeting.

The officers elected at the session were as follows: A. Maceo Smith of Dallas, Texas, re-elected President; Walter M. Booker of Washington, D. C., re-elected Eastern Vice President; W. T. Alexander, elected Mid-Western Vice President; Duke Williams of Atlanta, Ga., elected Southern Vice President; L. H. Williams of Tulsa, Okla., re-elected Southwestern Vice President; W. Byron Rumford re-elected Western Vice President; James E. Huger re-elected General Secretary; M. G. Ferguson, Executive Vice President of the Citizens Savings Bank & Trust Company, re-elected Treasurer; W. Barton Beatty, Jr., re-elected Editor of SPHINX Magazine; Dr. Milton S. J. Wright re-elected Director of Education; Edward B. Maddox re-elected General Attorney; W. D. Hawkins was retained as Auditor; A. L. Allen, Chairman of two of the Important Committees.

The lay members of the Executive Council are J. W. Shepherd, Jerry Blocker, Lewis Sullivan, Otis Simmons, Borden G. Oliver, Chairman of the Election Commission, Dr. H. L. Dickson of West Virginia, assisted by Henry A.

dents; James E. Huger, general secretary; Meredith Ferguson, general treasurer; W. Barton Batty Jr., editor of the Sphinx; Milton S. J. Wright, director of education, and Edward Maddox, general counsel.

*Cite Jones, Marshall*

Alphaman Eugene Kinckle Jones was made a Jewel of Alpha Phi Alpha. He also received the Alpha Award of Honor. Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the NAACP, was the recipient of the Award of Merit.

During the convention, the fraternity established a Committee on Reorganization and Procedure. This committee changed the procedure to include five workshops. Title of the workshops were:

Undergraduate problems, strengthening brotherhood, chapter housing, effective national program and project and financing.

Marshall was the principal speaker at the fraternity banquet. Judge Perry Jackson of Cleveland introduced him. Other speakers included:

Eugene Felton Clark, president of Southern university; Jewel Callis of Washington; E. K. Jones of New York, and Otis D. Simmons.

It was estimated that there were over six thousand visitors and delegates in Cleveland this week from these Greek Letter Fraternities and Sororities. All the big downtown hotels were filled with these Greek members.

Detroit was selected as the site of the next convention.

## Smith Heads Alphas Again

**E. K. Jones Gets Award Of Honor**

**CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP). —** More than 700 Alphas converged here last week for a five-day convention, and reelected officers and awarded honors to deserving brothers.

A. Maceo Smith was reelected general president of the fraternity, and all but one of the vice presidents were returned to office. Duke Williams is the newly-elected vice president. Those returned to office include: Walter M. Booker, W. Alex Smith, L. Hume Williams, W. Byron Rumford, all vice presi-

## Alphas Name Committees To Guide Year's Program

*Journal and guide*  
*Day 2-14-53*  
DALLAS, Tex. — A. Maceo Smith, general president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., announces the appointment of committees to carry out the program of the 38th annual convention held recently in Cleveland. Mr. Smith said a major project will be the purchase of a national headquarters building for the Fraternity, wherein members will be asked to contribute amounts of \$100. Details of this project will be released to the membership at an early date, he added.

This fraternity headquarters and fraternity housing committee is headed by M. Stewart Thompson of Detroit. Mr. Smith stated that the following committees and chairmen of these committees are now at work on:

**REVISION** on notices of initiation, Walter Booker, Washington, D. C.; general secretary's office, C. P. Johnson, Austin, Tex.; music and drama, Maceo Hill, Columbus, O.

Public relations, Wm. F. McKinney, Dallas, Tex.; recommendations, Lionel Newsome, Baton Rouge, La.; elections, H. L. Dickson, Lindside, W. Va.; rules and credentials, Andrew Lewis, Atlanta, Ga.; auditing, W. D. Hawkins, Nashville, Tenn.

**COMMITTEE** on benevolent fund, Edward Carter Maddox, Los Angeles, Calif.; pin and badge, Edward Carter Maddox, Los Angeles, Calif.; Pan-Hellenic, William C. Pyant, Evanston, Ill.

Budget, Kermit J. Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.; achievements and awards, Tolly W. Harris, Tulsa, Okla.; semi-centennial celebration, Russell N. Service, Buffalo, N. Y.

**HOUSING** commission, M. Stewart Thompson, Detroit, Mich.; commission on reorganization and program, Howard H. Long Central State College Wilberforce, Ohio; committee on Foundation Publishers, Inc., Milton S. J. Wright, Wilberforce University, O.; editing committee of Sphinx manual and pledge guide, Howard Long, Central State College, Wilberforce, O.;

committee on national headquarters, W. H. Hawkins, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.

Structural organization of Housing fund, Edward Carter Maddox, Los Angeles, Calif.; student loan fund, Milton S. J. Wright, Wilberforce University, Ohio; standards and extensions, Frederic A. Jackson, Morgan State College, Baltimore, Md.; delegates to American Council on Human Rights, Wm. N. Locelce, Cincinnati, O., and Audrey E. Robinson, Washington, D. C.



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## For '53, Plan Building

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Youmans, who is to be initiated shortly, says when the fraternity has parties he dates white girls. And the whole thing, he said, has worked out very well.

Youmans has made the dean's honor roll during all four semesters at the university.

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# Fraternities

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Mr. White hailed the fraternity for its affirmative action in opposing racial discrimination. A resolution unanimously adopted by the group condemns in strong language the recent action of the National Interfraternity Council in allowing member fraternities to choose their members "without side interference," thus allowing them to draw a color line.

Dr. Gallagher pledged that under his administration, he will not permit any fraternity at City College to discriminate on account of race or color.



## Chi Delta Mu Sets Conclave

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Chi Delta Mu Fraternity, dental, medical and pharmaceutical Greek-letter organization, will hold its Grand Conclave in Philadelphia, April 6-8, public relations chairman, Dr. W. A. Harris, announced here last week.

The conclave will convene in the Pyramid Club, 1517 West Girard Avenue. Nu Chapter acting in the role of host, Dr. Charles Cephas of New Brighton, Pa., is the Grand President of the fraternity, and Dr. O. Wilson Winters is president of Nu Chapter.



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# Durham Man Is Named Kappa Secretary

DURHAM, N.C. — (ANP) — The first national executive secretary of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity was H. H. Holloway, a native of Durham, N.C.

Appointed after a meeting with Dr. W. Henry Greene, national president and other representatives, Holloway is business manager of St. Augustine's college, Raleigh.

Dr. Greene and other Kappamen attending the meeting also decided to set up a national headquarters in Philadelphia. The address will be announced later.

Holloway received his education in the Durham county school system and is an honor graduate of North Carolina at Durham, with a degree in business administration. He has done additional study at the University of Omaha.

Upon graduation from NCC, he was employed by the Union Insurance and Realty Company in Durham; later became manager of the Union Election Company, and has been business manager of St. Augustine's college for three years.

A Baptist, Holloway sings in the choir of Mt. Gilead Baptist church. He is a member of the American Association of College Business Officers; a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner, and president of the Raleigh chapter of the North College Alumni Association.

Holloway is married to the former Miss Gwendolyn Larkin of Raleigh. The couple has one son, H. H. Holloway, Jr.



# Judge Waring Says High Court To Open Schools

PHILADELPHIA "I believe that if an American citizen is entitled to citizenship rights, he ought to have them without delay — not next year; not tomorrow, but now."

This is what former U.S. Judge J. Waties Waring said, Sunday afternoon, upon receiving Omega Psi Phi fraternity's "Man of the Year Award."

Referring to the school segregation cases now pending before the United States Supreme Court, Judge Waring said he further believes that tribunal will outlaw Jim Crow education.

**NAACP Versus \$50,000 Lawyers**  
"I believe and I have faith the lawyers of the NAACP are going to prevail over all of the John Davises and their \$50,000 fees."

(Mr. Davis, whom Roy Wilkins of the NAACP described as a lawyer of the \$50,000 class, argued before the court that segregated schools should not be abolished).

The presentation highlighted the public meeting of the fraternity's 39th annual conclave held here Dec. 20 to 30. The meeting, Sunday, was in Irvine's auditorium, University of Pennsylvania.

## 17,000 Omega Men

In making the award, Grant Reynolds, grand basileus, said it represented the decision of 17,000 Omega men throughout the country that Judge Waring was the outstanding man of 1951, the year for which the award was made.

He said that because of the Judge's conviction that the end of the law is justice, he has gained for which the award was made. Next in the hearts of millions who yet aspire for freedom and human decency.

Accepting the award, Judge Waring, who was a member of the U.S. bench in South Carolina, said that in the realm of human relations he no longer has fears for the future.

Baltimore representatives, at the conclave included:

Otis Crowley, basileus of Pi Omega chapter; Daniel Spaulding, John H. Harrison, Dr. Robert Gill, T. Bernard Nelson, William Jackson and Linwood G. Koger Sr.

Among the delegates were: Malcolm Gee, James Graves, Washington; John Hopkins, Larry Jenkins, Lincoln University, Va.; Raymond Davis, Lincoln Jones, Boston, Mass.; Luther McCaskill, Nashville, Tenn.;

Charles Brinkley, Leon B. Green, New York City; Robert Coleman, Courtland Butts, Richmond, Va.; Joseph Travis, Los Angeles, Calif.; John H. Harrison, Edward Smith, Baltimore; Larry Brown, Motley Charles, Charlotte, N.C.;

Royal Black, Wilberforce, Ohio; Marion S. Marable, Walter Cook, Atlanta, Ga.; Herman Scott, Nashville, Tenn.; Cornelius Bowser, Institute, W. Va.; Arthur E. Franklin, Washington;

Irvin Peterson, Turkeil Eppes, Petersburg, Va.; Melvin G. Wells, Winifred Tillery, Greensboro, N.C.; Leroy Bell, Charles DeShields, Tallahassee, Fla.;

Charles A. Jones, Howard Thomas, Buford F. Gordon, Frederick Burroughs, Edward Lane, Hampton, Va.; John Maloney, Raymond Mayes, Cheveny, Pa.; Walter H. Bowie, Wilberforce, Ohio; Hiram F. Jones Thurman L. Dodson, Washington;

John W. Parnell, William L. Watson, E. B. Brooks, Petersburg, Va.; H. W. Crawford, Orangeburg, S.C.; Charles V. Carr, George V. Johnson, Cleveland, Ohio; W. C. Grimes, A. L. Kelsey Jr., Atlanta, Ga.;

John L. Leach, Louisville, Ky.; Joseph Webb, Clarence Sessoms, Norfolk, Va.; Samuel Swiggett, Milton T. Gibbs, Thomas B. Orum, Philadelphia; T. D. Nelson, Otis Sprow, Baltimore; W. H. Robinson, E. M. McKinney, Greensboro, N.C.;

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William Huff, Archie Moore, Youngstown, Ohio; Russell Jones, C. N. Johnson, Brooklyn; B. H. Jones, Frank Wimberly, J. M. Williams, Trenton, N.J.; Vincent Mallory, Gatonia, N.C.; John Q. Jefferson, Savannah, Ga.; G. T. Harris, Houston, Tex.; A. Holley, Charlotte, N.C.; m m m m m Madden, L. H. Hallman, Columbia, S.C.; John Duncan, Montgomery, Ala.; John H. Ramus, Butler Henderson,

Pine Bluff, Ark.; Ulysses Campbell, Earl Ellis, Newark, N.J.; James Farmer, Linwood T. Binford, G. E. Riedick, Richmond, Va.; D. P. Goodwin, A. I. Terrell, R. C. Crutchfield, Winston-Salem, N.C.;

Clifton Whitworth, William Dillard, Richmond, Va.; R. L. Gregory, Fort Worth, Tex.; Moreland Fort, Jesse Bobbitt, Dayton, Ohio; Robert Jeffreys, Warrenton, N.C.;

H. M. Purnella, Jefferson City, Mo.; Dewey M. Duckett, Lancaster, S.C.; Edward W. Jackson, Baton Rouge, La.; J. H. Lucas, William Keys, Greenville, N.C.; C. W. Dickerson, Newman M. Goldston, Charlestown, W. Va.;

G. Talley, Wilmington, N.C.; J. T. Strickland, Princess Anne, Md.; Fred Terry, Mobile, Ala.; G. W. Hawkins, Miami, Fla.; M. F. Shute, Salisbury, N.C.; Oliver C. Hall, Salisbury, N.C.; Harold Thornton, Atlantic City, N.J.;

R. T. Fair, West Palm Beach, Fla.; L. L. Butler, Wilmington, Del.; W. W. Shelton, J. P. Murchison, Arlington, Va.; D. D. Crawford, H. Rowland, Berkley, W. Va.; and Booker C. Milby, Asbury Park, N.J.;

Arthur Bagley, Elizabeth City, N.C.; R. W. Gholson, Portsmouth, Va.; H. T. W. Freeman, William Spearman, New Rochelle, N.Y.; Dr. L. Irvin, Tampa, Fla.; John West, Paul C. Peters, Hartford, Conn.; J. S. Spivey, Harold Hyde, Raleigh, N.C.;

W. J. Davenport, Chattanooga, Tenn.; K. L. Davis, Rocky Mount, N.C.; Theodore Moses, James Hardcastle, Denver, Colo.; W. A. McMillan, O. P. Lowe, Marshall, Texas; Leon Holland, Columbus, Ohio;

## Omegas Make Citizenship Awards Here

Two awards were presented by W. C. Gaines, basileus, one the "Outstanding Citizen of the Year" to President Robert Clement of Atlanta University and the other "the Omega Man of the Year" to Harold H. Thompson, postal employee.

Mrs. Clement, wife of the eminent educator, received the award for Doctor Clement, newly elected member of the Atlanta Board of Education, who was out of the city due to a previous important engagement.

In accepting the award for her educator-husband, Mrs. Clement expressed regrets that Dr. Clement was unable to be present. She said that her husband really appreciated the recognition by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, lauding its work.

## Howard Alumnus Man of the Year

TUSKEGEE — Dr. James H. M. Henderson, alumnus of How-

ard University and of the University of Wisconsin and research associate in the Harver Foundation, Tuskegee Institute, has been chosen by Iota Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, as Tuskegee's Man of the Year for 1953.



## Omegas Return Officers To Posts



Members of Omega supreme Council shown after being returned to office are (left to right) Herbert E. Tucker Jr., Boston, grand counselor; Grant Reynolds, New York City, grand basileus; Walter H. Riddick, Norfolk, keeper of records and seals; Morton Brooks, Philadelphia, grand marshal, and Ellis F. Corbett, Greensboro, N.C., editor of the oracle. (Wilson photo)

### Omegas to award \$1,000 in prizes

WASHINGTON—The undergraduate committee, headed by Grant Reynolds, grand basileus Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, has announced a new phase of its undergraduate program. One thousand dollars in cash has been offered among its undergraduate chapters for the three best written statements on "How the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Can Cooperate with the Respective Colleges and Universities

in Promoting Their Ideals, Aspirations and Programs." Serving with Mr. Reynolds are: John F. Potts, first vice grand basileus; Hayward Harrison, second vice grand basileus; Dr. A. G. Macklin, chairman, scholarship commission; Dr. Mathew J. Whitehead, achievement week director; Dr. Walter N. Ridley, J. Alston Atkins, and H. Carl Moultrie, national executive secretary.

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Chapter winning first place will receive \$500; second place, \$250 and third place, \$100.

### Omegas to Award \$1,000 In Contest

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ANP)—An essay contest, sponsored by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, will award \$1,000 in cash prizes to undergraduate chapters, Atty. Grant Reynolds, grand basileus of the fraternity, announced this week.

The money will be awarded to chapters for the three best written essays on:

"How The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Can Cooperate With the Respective College And Universities In Promoting Their Ideals,



## Dr. Bunche To Speak at Installation Of Phi Beta Kappa Chapter at Howard

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, director of the division of trusteeship for the United Nations, will be the principal speaker at Howard university April 8 when the university comes the third school in the District of Columbia to be admitted into the Phi Beta Kappa national honorary fraternity. The other local chapters are Alpha at George Washington university and Beta at the Catholic university.

Dr. Bunche, who is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, will deliver the commemoration address at special installation exercises to be held at Rankin Memorial chapel on the Howard campus.

Authorization for the installation of the new chapter was granted by the United Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at the group's triennial convention at the University of Kentucky in September of last year. It followed the unanimous endorsement of the South Atlantic District Phi Beta Kappa colleges at a regional conference at Davidson College (N.C.) in the fall of 1951.

The Howard chapter will be known as Gamma of the District of Columbia.

Howard university's application for admittance into the oldest Greek letter organization in America was sponsored by a committee of 17 of its teachers who are members of the organization. Alpha and Beta chapters of Washington were also instrumental in the sponsorship of the application. Acceptance came after an inspection by regional and national Phi Beta Kappa bodies of the university's curriculum, faculty standing, scholastic performance, and plant facilities.

The members of the university faculty Phi Beta Kappa committee are Robert P. Barnes, professor of chemistry; William J. Bauduit, professor emeritus of mathematics; David Blackwell, professor of mathematics; Sterling A. Brown, professor of English; W. Mercer Cook, professor of Romance languages; Arthur P. Davis, professor of English; Owen Dodson, associate professor of drama; Coleridge Krassovsky, assistant professor of sociology; Rayford W. Logan, professor of history; Alain L. Locke, professor of philosophy; Edward E. Lewis, professor of economics;

## Phi Beta Kappa Is Reward for Merit

Fisk University, outstanding Nashville Negro college, has become the first Negro institution of higher education to be awarded a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity.

We applaud the decision. Scholarship is not restricted to any race or nationality of peoples and to deny the rewards of superior effort to any American citizen is not in keeping with basic principles of our democracy and our educational processes.

Fisk University and many other fine Negro colleges in the South are performing great and growing services to their race, to their states and to the nation. These services are helping to point the way to the solution of many pressing social and political problems that have plagued us these many years.

Since membership in the organization is an accepted national measurement of superior scholarship, all Negro colleges whose scholastic standards meet Phi Beta Kappa requirements should be permitted chapters to encourage greater effort by students and to offer the latter a reward for merit.

## Phi Beta To Induct 12 At Howard U.

Seven Washington high school graduates are among the 12 charter members of a Phi Beta Kappa honorary fraternity chapter to be inducted Wednesday at Howard University, it was announced yesterday.

The chapter is the third to be established in a District school and among the first to be organized at a Negro institution. Howard and Fisk universities were approved for chapters last year at the fraternity's national meeting.

Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, United Nations trusteeship director, will deliver the commemoration address at 8 p. m. Wednesday at the Rankin Memorial Chapel on the university campus.

Members of the new chapter are Florence M. Cawthorne, Jeanne F. Craig, Lillian V. Tinsley, Annette P. Williams, and Norman B. Davis, all graduates of Dunbar High School, and Tazewell Banks and Raymond E. Contee, jr., graduates of Cardozo High School.

Also, Albion H. Forde, Esmond M. Mapp, both of the British West Indies, John H. Powell, of Great Neck, L. I., Robert J. Robinson, of New York City, and Lena Beauregard, of Elwood City, Pa.



# Bunche Blasts

## Calls Integration 'Our Ultimate Goal'

### UN Official Speaks At Honor Society Induction At College

#### WASHINGTON

Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, director of the UN Trusteeship Council, blasted segregation at the installation ceremonies of the new Gamma Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society at Howard University, Wednesday. Thirteen Howard students were made members of the chapter.

Dr. Bunche called the installation one more important step forward in the educational advancement of our group. "Complete integration of all citizens in the life of the nation without regard to color or creed is our ultimate goal," Dr. Bunche stated.

He added that if this goal were reached, there would be no need of separate, non-white colleges in which to install Phi Beta Kappa chapters.

Doctor Bunche said that the sole aim of our group has been to become American in full.

He expressed a belief that no substantial number of minority-group citizens could be "seduced by an alien ideology," which would contradict all that they have been striving to accomplish here.

Doctor Bunche appealed to the audience to spare no effort to eliminate the stigma of second-class citizenship attached to the race.

Speaking of the dangers of war, he said that it need not and will not come if the American people and peace-loving peoples will give the UN the confidence and support it merits.

Doctor Bunche and President Mordecai W. Johnson, of Howard University, paid tribute to Dr. Alain Locke, head of the philosophy department at Howard, whose efforts, they said, had in a great measure been responsible for the establishment of the chapter.

#### Locke Presents Keys

Doctor Locke, who presided at the session, is one of 17 Howard faculty members who belong to Phi Beta Kappa. He presented keys to the new student members of the society who are:

Robert Robinson, Norman Davis, John Powell, Florence Cawthorne, Tazewell Banks, Albion Forde, Esmond Mapp, Annette P. Williams, Jeanne Crag, Raymond Contee, Lillian Tinsley, Lena Beauregard and Lois Frances Mack.

Official greetings were extended to the new chapter by the following:

Professor William T. Hastings of Brown University, on behalf of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa;

Dean Henry Gratten-Doyle, on behalf of the D.C. Alpha Chapter, of George Washington University;

Prof. Leo J. Brady, of Catholic University, on behalf of Beta Chapter.

### Howard University Gets Phi Beta Kappa Chapter; 13 In It

WASHINGTON — A Phi Beta Kappa chapter was installed at Howard University, Wednesday, with Dr. Ralph J. Bunche the principal speaker. Thirteen Howard students were made members of the new chapter. Seventeen Howard faculty members belong to Phi Beta Kappa.

Dr. Bunche, head of the philosophy department at Howard, was praised for his efforts in making the establishment of the chapter possible.

### Mrs. Roosevelt Regrets Absence

#### WASHINGTON

Unable to attend the installation of Phi Beta Kappa at Howard University, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt sent her regrets.

Professor Alain Locke, presiding chairman, stated that Mrs. Roosevelt was among other invited guests who could not attend the affair.

A capacity house jammed Rankin chapel to hear Dr. Ralph Bunche, director of the UN Trusteeship Council, speak to the inductees.

#### Many Turned Away

Many who were turned away from the crowded addition stood outside the building listening to the proceedings over the public address system.

There was a stir of commotion accompanying Dr. Bunche's approach to the rostrum as newsreel machines and cameras flashed in the building.

The former educator said that humility is the mark of those who have truly communed with the Goddess of Learning.

#### Seek His Autograph

After his speech, Dr. Bunche was surrounded by a swarm of well-wishers and autograph seekers.

While signing autographs for the new members of Phi Beta Kappa, Dr. Bunche received a message from his chauffeur saying that it was time for him to leave.

He replied: "I still have time. I am with Phi Beta Kappa now."

## Phi Beta Kappa Chapter Installed At Howard Univ.

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, UN official, last week urged complete integration of Negroes in America during a speech at Howard university for the formal installation of a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at the school.

Howard thus became the second made in the policies at many of Negro university to be honored these institutions, they may find with a chapter of the highest themselves in the unenviable position of obstructing the elimination of segregation in higher education." "The first with ceremonies on its campus."

In his address, the director of the UN Trusteeship division and Nobel Peace Prize winner said:

"No individual Negro, Phi Beta Kappa no less than cotton picker, can ever hope to enjoy full dignity or emancipation so long as the Negro group suffers minority status."

#### CAPACITY CROWD

Dr. Bunche who formerly taught at Howard, spoke to a capacity crowd at Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel and to several hundred more who gathered at other points on the campus to hear the installation exercises over public address amplifiers.

Asserting that the induction of Howard into the nation's oldest Greek letter organization is an important step forward in the educational advancement of the Negro, Dr. Bunche warned that "although this marks progress, the ultimate goal is still to be won."

This goal, he said, was the "complete integration in the life of the nation of all citizens without regard to color or creed."

Despite the emphasis being placed on integration, Dr. Bunche said some Negroes have an interest in the continuance of segregation and are helping to perpetuate it.

#### FALSE SECURITY

He added that a "false and shameful but somewhat comforting security" has developed under segregation for some Negroes. Therefore, he asserted, they "are loath to see it go."

He then pointed out that there must be a change in attitudes by people and institutions on the segregation issue. Both must be prepared for eventual integration.

Calling for a profound soul-searching on the part of the Negro colleges, the UN official warned, "Unless radical changes are

During the ceremonies, some 13 juniors and seniors at Howard were inducted into Gamma chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. They were: Tazewell Banks, Raymond E. Contee, Jr., Florence M. Cawthorne, Norman B. Davis, Annette P. Williams and Lillian V. Tinsley, all of Washington; Robert J. Robinson, Providence, R. I.; John H. Powell, Great Neck, New York; Albion H. Forde, Barbadoes, B. W. I.; Esmond McD. Mapp, Trinidad, B. W. I.; Lena Beauregard, Elwood City, Pa.; and Lois Frances Mack, New Orleans, La.

### Phi Beta Kappa



Miss Lois F. Mack of New Orleans was one of eleven seniors of Howard University's College of

Liberal Arts to be inducted into the nation's oldest Greek-letter organization recently when Gamma Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa for the District of Columbia was installed at the University. Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, director of the Division of Trusteeship for the United Nations, called for complete integration of the Negro in all phases of American life in his address at the recent Phi Beta Kappa installation exercises at Howard University.



# PHI BETA KAPPA, NATIONAL HONORARY SCHOLASTIC FRATERNITY FISK UNIVERSITY



**NEW INDUCTEES** — New members of Gamma chapter of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society are shown with Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, director of the UN

Trusteeship Council, at Howard University. From left to right, are: front, Jeanne Craig, Dr. Bunche, Annette Williams; second row — Lillian Tinsley, Raymond Contee, Esmond

Mapp; third row—Lena Bearegard, Albion Ford, Taswell Banks, Lois Mack; fourth row —Florence Cawthorne, Robert Robinson, and back row—Norman Davis and John Powell.

## Fisk Gets Phi Beta Kappa Chapter; Becomes First To Receive Such Honor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Chapter of Delta Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity, was installed last Saturday at Fisk

University, making it the first colored institution in the country to receive this recognition.

Dr. Goodrich C. White, president of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa and president

of Emory University, officiated at the installation ceremonies.

Fisk, along with eight other schools, qualified for a charter at the 23rd Triennial Council held at the University of Ken-

tucky in Lexington last fall.

### Charter To Dr. Johnson

Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk and U. S. delegate to the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organizations, accepted the charter.

"Fisk University is proud of

the honor which it has won through the scholastic efforts and sacrifices of its students and faculty," he declared.

The granting of the Phi Beta Kappa Charter to Fisk brings another "first" in the galaxy of honors received by Fisk University since the founding 1866. Fisk was the first colored university to be accredited by the Association of American Universities. It was also the first colored college to win the honor of national recognition by the American Association of University Women.

### American Chemical Society

Charter members of the Delta of Tennessee Chapter are Dr. Lyman V. Cady, A. B., Grinnell College; Dr. Theodore S. Currier, A. B., University of Maine; Dr. Fred Emerson, A. B., Earlham College; Dr. Harry T. Folger, A. B., Indiana University; Dr. Doris B. Garey, A. B., Mount Holyoke College; Dr. David Granick, B. S., College of the City of New York; Dr. Bernard Spivack, A. B., University of Alabama; Mrs. Nancy St. John, B. S., Radcliffe College. Dr. Currier was elected president of the new chapter Saturday evening.

### Keys To 2 Alumni

Phi Beta Kappa keys were presented to two outstanding Fisk alumni at the public convocation last Sunday. They were Dr. Fred W. Alsup, physician at St. Petersburg, Fla., and biology professor at a number of universities, and Dr. John Hope Franklin, professor of history at Howard University and visiting professor of history at the University of Wisconsin.

Scores of congratulatory telegrams and letters from educa-

tional leaders of the country were received at Fisk in connection with Saturday's installation ceremonies. A typical message from Dr. Alonzo G. Moron, president of Hamilton Institute, said:

"This recognition of high scholarship at Fisk University is a tribute to Dr. Johnson's leadership and to the faculty at Fisk."

### PHI BETA KAPPA AT FISK

The first chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in a Negro university is being inaugurated at Fisk University. Congratulations to Fisk and congratulations to Phi Beta Kappa! Each is an honor to the other.

Fisk University has had an admirable academic record and a richly deserved reputation for high standards and for living up to them. It represents precisely what Phi Beta Kappa stands for: the recognition of scholarly attainment. Phi Beta Kappa, on the other hand, is one of our most distinguished academic institutions. It has no basis for existence except the love of learning and the desire to reward it. Its very nature should make it universal in its scope. It is unthinkable that there could be color distinction in such an organization, and there has been none when Negro students won the honor in institutions where chapters existed.

Its appearance at Fisk, however, goes beyond the case of the gifted individual and recognizes the worth of the scholarly institution. This, also, is as it should be. It is frequently remarked that we could greet these gains in race understanding with better grace if there appeared to be no occasion to comment upon them. A chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Fisk ought to be no more newsworthy than a chapter at Amherst. That day, however, has not yet been reached, and until it comes we welcome this chance to see another milestone on a worthy road.



# Honor Unit Installed At Fisk

ter members, all on the Fisk faculty. Dr. Theodore S. Currier was chosen president of the chapter.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A public convocation marking the induction of a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity, at Fisk University was held Sunday in Memorial Chapel.

Delivering the principal address was Dr. Raymond Walters, president of University of Cincinnati and a national senator of Phi Beta Kappa.

Present at the convocation were representatives of other Tennessee chapters, administrative and faculty members of thirty-two Negro colleges; Dr. Harvie Branscomb, chancellor of Vanderbilt University, and Phi Beta Kappa members of the immediate vicinity.

## INSTALLATION SATURDAY

Dr. Goodrich C. White, president of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa and president of Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., conducted the formal installation ceremonies on the campus here Saturday in the presence of students, members of the inter-racial faculty and representatives of other colleges and universities of the area.

The Fisk chapter, first to be set-up at a Negro institution, is the fourth for Tennessee and gives the state the largest number of chapters in any Southern state. The other Tennessee chapters are at Vanderbilt University, University of the South and Southwestern University.

## DR. JOHNSON SPEAKS

Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk and United States delegates to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in accepting the chapter at Fisk, Saturday, noted that the fraternity, founded in 1776, had 151 chapters in the 7,889 colleges of the country.

"Fisk University is proud of the honor which it has won through the scholastic efforts and sacrifices of its students and faculty," he declared, "and Fisk is equally proud to be able to bring this honor to our nation's educational world and to the Tennessee.

"Our student body is one that on the average faces great economic hardships and must fire the torch of educational zeal with additional fuel of spirit and perseverance if it is to surmount certain barriers.

"Consequently, we hold that this honor is a great testament to the opportunities that are ever-widening in the free world that America champions. We see it as shining proof that academic excellence knows no barriers, racial, economic

or otherwise."

Scores of congratulatory telegrams and letters from educational leaders of the country were received at Fisk in connection with the installation ceremonies.

The Fisk chapter has eight charter members, all on the Fisk faculty. Dr. Theodore S. Currier was chosen president of the chapter.

## FISK GETS CHAPTER OF PHI BETA KAPPA

Negro University at Nashville Is First to Receive Such Honor From Fraternity

By JOHN N. POPHAM

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 4—A chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity, was installed today at Fisk University, making it the first Negro institution of higher education in the country to receive that academic recognition.

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## Public Convocation Today

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Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk and United States delegate to the United Nations Educational,

Scientific and Cultural Organization, in accepting the chapter at Fisk today, noted that the fraternity, founded in 1776, had 151 chapters in the 1,889 colleges of the country.

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## Cites Fisk Recognitions

Dr. Johnson pointed out that Fisk, founded in 1886, was the first Negro university to be accredited by the Association of American Universities and the first to receive national recognition from the American Association of University Women.

He noted also that Fisk was the first Negro university to be approved for a student chapter of the American Chemical Society, that being in 1951. Fisk also held, he added, a national "A" rating in academic circles, was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and was recognized for its high scholastic standing by the New York State Board of Regents.

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# 1000 Delegates At Sigma Meet

## In Richmond

### Full Democracy, Theme

### Of 38th Conference

by J. BENJAMIN HORTON, JR. mings, national director of social action, Fort Worth, Tex., and R. RICHMOND, Va.—The 38th anniversary conclave of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, attended by approximately 1,000 delegates and visitors, ended here last week. The meeting had as its theme "Full Democracy—Nothing Less."

Newly elected officers were R. O. Sutton, national treasurer, Atlanta, Ga. and Horace F. Johnson II, national director of Education, Chicago.

Re-appointed officers were J. Benjamin Horton, jr., national director of public relations, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. W. Sherman Savage, national historian, Lincoln university, Jefferson City, Mo.; James A. "Billboard" Jackson, (elected for life) national commercial counselor, New York City, and Dr. C. V. Troup, editor of the Crescent, Fort Valley State college, Fort Valley, Ga.

Former Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell, a past national president of the fraternity, was a visitor at one of the sessions.

The fraternity will hold its 39th anniversary conclave in Detroit in December of 1953.

1. Passage of an effective and enforceable Anti-Lynch bill by the next Congress;

2. The next President of the United States to instruct his Attorney-General to use every means within the power of the Department of Justice to cure the condition and strengthen the Civil Rights section of the Department so it may do a more effective job;

3. Support of the position of the NAACP, that the complete schools of this country, and nothing less, be its objective;

4. The enactment of Fair Employment Practices legislation by the Congress of the United States with effective enforcement provisions, and called upon the next President to exercise his authority to establish an effective FEP committee pending a permanent commission.

Others reelected to office at the confab were Atty. Joseph A. Bailey of New York City, national vice-president; Julius C. Simmons, national junior vice-president, Richmond; Dr. George D. Flem-

## Sigmas Gather For 38th Conclave



PHI BETA SIGMA fraternity men by the score attended Sigma fraternity's 38th anniversary conclave in Richmond, Va. Conclave headquarters was Ebenezer Baptist church. Left to right, Dr. Felix J. Brown, Richmond, national president of the fraternity; Dr. C. V. Troup, president, Fort

Valley State college, Ga., conclave speaker; Dr. E. E. Haddock, Mayor of Richmond; C. L. Townes, general conclave chairman, and J. T. Richardson, president, Iota Sigma chapter, both of Richmond.





CHATTING DURING LULL in sessions are left to right, Dr. John F. Lewis, Winston-Salem, N.C., retiring national director of education J. Benjamin Horton, jr., national director of public relations, Louisville, Ky., and John T. Thornton, Kansas City, Mo.

## Sigmas Close Annual Meet

*Argo-American*  
N. V. Chapter Had Best Attendance

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The New York chapter of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity won the award for having the best attendance at last week's annual convention of the fraternity which met here.

The meeting reelected officers and selected Detroit, Mich., as the site of its next convention. The officers are:

Dr. Felix J. Brown, Richmond, Va., president; Atty. Joseph A.

Bailey, New York, vice president; A. Sutton, Atlanta, Ga., treasurer; J. C. Simmons, Virginia Union university, junior vice president.

William E. Doar Jr., executive secretary; Dr. C. V. Troup, president of Ft. Valley State college, editor of the Crescent, fraternity magazine; Horace Johnson, Chicago, director of education; R. A. Hester, Dallas, Texas, director of bigger and better businesses; Dr. G. D. Flemmings, Ft. Worth, social action director, and J. Benjamin Horton, Louisville, public relations.

Dr. Troup was the principal speaker at the public meeting. The mayor of Richmond delivered the welcoming address.

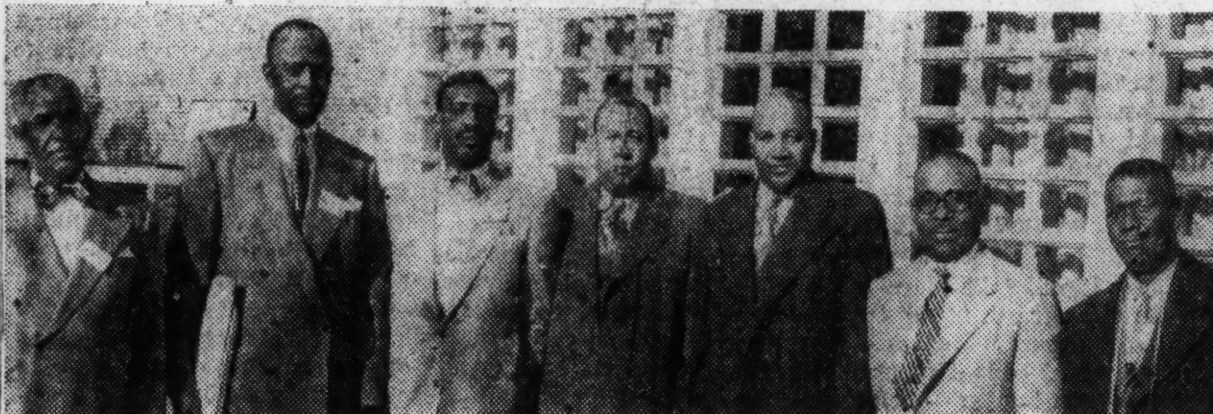
A. W. Mitchell, former congressman from Illinois, and George W. Lawrence of Chicago spoke at the banquet.

On the social side, the 374 dele-



AMONG SIGMA DELEGATES attending the meeting were left to right, fornt: E. L. Rayford, Raleigh, N.C.; C. P. Johnson, New York; James

F. Fifer, Chicago and E. Rudolphus Clemons, Philadelphia, Pa. Rear: Virgil Scott, Atlanta, Ga., and C. G. Christian, Birmingham, Ala.



DURING RECESS PERIOD, men of Sigma pose for cameraman. Left to right: J. T. Richardson, Richmond, Va.; U. S. McCerkin, Chicago; Virgil

Scott, Atlanta, Ga.; W. N. Payton, Kinston, N.C.; R. H. Beasley, Jackson, Miss.; James A. Grant, Detroit, and Clyde G. Atwell, Brooklyn, N.Y.

gates and their guests attended a dance in the City Auditorium.

Most of the meetings of the convention were in the new George Washington Carver Elementary school.



# Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Holds Richmond Conclave



National officers of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, who attended the recent conclave of the organization in Richmond, Va., are shown above. They are, front row, left to right: R. A. Heater, Dallas, Tex., director, Bigger and Better Business;

R. H. Beasley, Jackson, Miss., Southern Regional director; R. O. Sutton, Atlanta, Ga., treasurer; Dr. Felix J. Brown, president, Richmond, Va.; Attorney Joseph A. Bailey, New York, N. Y., vice president; James A. Grant, Detroit, Mich., North-



ern Regional director; Horace F. Nelson II, Chicago, Ill., director of education.

Back row, left to right: G. D. Sutton, Fort Worth, Tex., Lone Star Regional director; W. W. Carter, New York, Eastern Regional director; Julius C. Simmons, Richmond, Va., vice

president; Dr. C. V. Troup, Fort Valley, Ga., editor of The Crescent; Dr. George D. Fleming, Fort Worth, Tex., director of social action; J. Benjamin Horton Jr., Louisville, Ky., director of public relations, and William E. Doar Jr., Brooklyn, N. Y., executive secretary.

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National President Dr. Felix J. Brown, left, presents the attendance trophy to C. H. Odum, of Philadelphia, whose chapter had the largest delegation.

Looking on, left to right, are: E. R. Clemmons and Joseph Bailey, while Edgar Felton, of New-York, holds trophy won by his chapter (New York) for excellence in record keeping.



Sigmas honored veteran members at the 38th anniversary distinguished service chapter's dinner at Slaughter's Hotel, Richmond, Va., during the anniversary conclave.

Seated at the head of table is Rev. Dr. Leonard F. Morse, Jacksonville, Fla., a founding member.

Reading, left to right, front row: Dr. Felix J. Brown, national president of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Richmond, Va.; Atty. George W. Lawrence, Chicago; Horace F. Johnson II, Chicago; Dr. R. A. Billings, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. George L. High-

tower, Atlanta and William E. Doar Jr., national executive secretary, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Reading, left to right, back row: C. L. Townes, general conclave chairman, Richmond, Va.; Harry S. Crawford, Richmond, Va.; former Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell, Petersburg, Va.; James A. "Billboard" Jackson, New York City; Dr. C. V. Troup, Fort Valley, Ga., and Dr. I. L. Scruggs, Buffalo, New York.



# Hundreds Of Sigmas Gather For 38th Anniversary Conclave

## Scene At Sigma Conclave

RICHMOND

Hundreds of delegates and guests journeyed to Richmond last week to attend the 38th annual anniversary conclave of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated.

The meetings which started Dec. 27 and continued to Dec. 30 were presided over by Dr. Felix J. Brown, the national president. The theme was "Full Democracy — Nothing Less."

Conclave Headquarters was Slaughter's Hotel. Business sessions were held at the auditorium at the George Washington Carver School.

At the convention, many outstanding persons in the history of the fraternity attended.

### Highlights Of Meetings

Some of the many highlights of the gathering, were the Cultural Program held Sunday evening at Ebenezer Baptist Church, and the Monday morning address of ex-Congressman Arthur J. Mitchell.

Among the Sigma dignitaries attending the conclave were Joseph A. Bailey, vice president; Julius C. Simmons, Jr. vice-president; William E. Doar Jr., executive secretary; Dr. R. A. Billings, treasurer;

Dr. C. V. Troup, editor of the Crescent, the organization's official organ; R. A. Hester, head of the bigger and better business organization; John F. Lewis of Winston-Salem, N.C.; Dr. George D. Flemmings, social action director from Fort Worth;

J. Benjamin Horton Jr., public relations director of Louisville; W. Sherman Savage, Historian, from Jefferson City, Mo.; and James A. Jackson, commercial counselor from New York City.

The conclave committee was composed of C. L. Townes Sr., general chairman, Julius C. Simmons, co-chairman, Mr. Hayes, secretary, and P. Edward Giles Jr., treasurer.

### List Of Participants

Among the many Sigmas attending this 38th annual session were the following out-of-town guests:

C. C. Alston, Iota Chapter, Raleigh, N.C.; Dr. M. T. Walker, Alpha Sigma Chapter, Duncan, Bro. J. C.; W. S. Ritter, Epsilon Chapter, Philadelphia; E. T. Witt,



Q. S. White, Baltimore, seated does not know what to make of C. P. Hayes' gesture as he gives the victory sign at the 38th an-

nual conclave of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity in Richmond, last week. Standing left to right are: B. T. Gillespie, M. Glover, Dr. L. L. Edloe, Rich-

Tau Sigma Chapter, Birmingham; S. Frazier, Alpha Theta, West Virginia State; W. B. Smith, Alpha Eta Sigma Chapter, Montgomery; J. R. Long, Alpha Kappa Sigma, Petersburg; T. J. Lawrence, Beta Sigma, Norfolk; T. W. Hayes, Baltimore; J. A. Squire, Alpha Sigma, Washington; L. A. Woodward, Gamma Lambda, Washington; D. R. Watkins, Lambda Sigma, Atlanta; Dr. J. T. Thornton, Alpha Delta Sigma; I. E. Bowman, Zeta Sigma Chapter, Baltimore; G. E. Rhodes, Nu Sigma, Philadelphia; Dr. P. L. Moore, Washington; J.

S. Royce; D. J. Camper, Zeta Sigma; C. C. Knight, Kappa Beta Sigma, Brooklyn, N.Y.; J. M. Jenkins, Baltimore; Dr. C. V. Troup, Ft. Valley State College, Ga.; D. N. Henderson, Petersburg; J. A. Clarke, Norfolk; E. Richards, Alpha Lambda Sigma, Spartansburg, S.C.; A. T. Plummer, Va. State; B. Babb, Brown, Washington; J. A. Billings, Atlanta; E. E. Person, Chicago; M. A. Moore, Chicago; J. F. Fifer, Chicago; J. Bailey; H. Reid, N.C.; J. Settle; H. W. Joyner, Beta Delta Sigma, Ft. Valley, Ga.; F. J. W. Edwards, Beta Kappa

mond; Dr. G. D. Flemming, Fort Worth, Tex.; Dr. William Williams, Charles Sanders, Dr. M. M. Gordon, Richmond.

J. E. Dixon, Beta Kappa Sigma; H. R. Faust, Beta Kappa Sigma; W. L. Smith, Philadelphia; J. N.Y.; M. Shuber, Eta Omicron Sigma, Orangeburg, S.C.; F. Jones, Alpha Alpha Alpha, Va. State; J. Plummer, Va. State; B. Babb, Brooklyn; C. Atwell, Kappa Beta Sigma, Brooklyn; E. Bowman, Atlanta; H. R. Williams, Eta Chapter, A and T. College, Greensboro, N.C.; J. Settle; H. W. Joyner, Beta Delta Sigma, Ft. Valley, Ga.; F. McClerie, Lambda Sigma, At-

lanta; D. Jacobs, Zeta Chapter, At-  
lanta; J. T. Bickers, Lambda Sig-  
ma, Atlanta; O. W. Simms, Knox-  
ville, Tenn.; V. L. Ford, Knox-  
ville, Tenn.; B. J. Horton, Loui-  
ville, Ky.; W. E. James, Iota Sig-  
ma, Richmond; G. R. Brown, Har-  
lan, Ky.; J. Hayes, Alpha Chapter,  
Washington; W. Izzard, Beta Kap-  
pa, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; J.  
Allen, Lambda Chapter, Rich-  
mond; T. L. Hicks; P. J. Single-  
ton Jr., Beta Sigma, Norfolk;  
J. Harris, Norfolk; D. W. More-  
head, Gamma Beta Sigma, Bir-  
mington, N.C.; W. A. Pen-  
borton, Alpha Delta, New York  
City; E. Henderson, Nu Sigma,  
Philadelphia; L. D. Bussey, Al-  
pha Phi Sigma, Columbus, Ga.;  
W. E. Lawrence, Eta Sigma, Ra-  
leigh, N.C.; A. Childress, Chic-  
ago; I. D. Mossop, Epsilon Sigma,  
New York City; U. A. Brown, Up-  
silon Beta Sigma, Newark; O.  
man, Upsilon Xi, New York City;  
W. Branche, Nu Sigma, Phila-  
delphia; E. R. Clemons, Philadel-  
phia; U. Scott, Lambda Sigma,  
Atlanta; M. M. Sutton, Alpha  
Lambda, Spartansburg, S.C.; F.  
T. Green, Alpha Kappa Sigma,  
Petersburg; G. Jackson, Philadel-  
phia; B. Carly, Alpha Sigma,  
Washington; V. S. McClerkin, Up-  
silon Sigma, Chicago; W. Taylor,  
Nu Sigma, Philadelphia; J. Sim-  
mons, Lambda Chapter, Rich-  
mond; G. Davis, Epsilon Sigma,  
New York City; B. E. Fleming, Al-  
pha Kappa Sigma, Petersburg; W.  
Douglas, Sigma Chapter, Birming-  
ham;  
J. W. Maddox, Gamma Sigma,  
Tuskegee; C. Bibb, Sigma Chap-  
ter, Birmingham; Dr. J. H. Bain-  
hill, Raleigh, N.C.; E. L. Raiford,  
Eta Sigma, Raleigh, N.C.; W. T.  
Pemberton, Iota Sigma, Rich-  
mond; W. A. Green, Nu Sigma,  
Philadelphia; H. F. Johnson, Up-  
silon Sigma, Chicago; R. L. Cham-  
berlain, Lambda Sigma, Atlanta;  
J. H. Easter, Alpha Alpha Alpha,  
Va. State College; Dr. George  
Hightower, Lambda Sigma, At-  
lanta;  
G. D. Flemming, Ft. Worth; R.  
A. Hester, Dallas; C. P. Jol-  
Epsilon Sigma, New York; G. S.  
Whyte, Baltimore; Dr. A. M.  
Myster, Alpha Kappa Sigma, Pe-  
tersburg; R. H. Beasley, Jack-  
son, Miss.; M. M. Gregory, Beta  
Sigma, Norfolk; J. F. Lewis, Del-  
ta Sigma, Winston Salem, N.C.;  
Dr. J. D. Wilkerson, Kappa Sig-  
ma, St. Louis; C. W. Kemp, Char-  
lotte; Dr. S. L. Brown, Member-  
at-large, S.C.; J. H. Trimble;  
Dr. L. F. Morse, Jacksonville,  
Fla.; Dr. I. L. Scruggs, Buffalo,  
N.Y.;  
D. Turner, Epsilon, Philadel-  
phia; J. W. Freeman, Lambda,  
Richmond; G. H. Woods, Mu Sig-  
ma Philadelphia; C. H. Odom, Nu  
Sigma, Philadelphia; H. H. Thom-  
as, Philadelphia, Pa.; L. Jones,  
Mu Sigma, Jackson, Miss.; R.  
Sumter, Beta Mu, Charleston, S.C.  
G. Daley, Alpha, Washington;  
L. Long, Alpha, Washington; G.  
D. Sutton 2nd, Alpha Theta Sigma,



# Sigmas Eye Big Business

## Discuss Group's Buying Power

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The Spring regional conferences of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity ends this month with all conferences focusing their deliberations on the development of bigger and better business.

R. A. Hester of Dallas, Texas, national director of bigger and better business of the fraternity reported that a precedent was set in Greek-letter circles of the Southern Region when four organizations held a joint regional convention in Jackson, Miss., in April.

Dr. Felix J. Brown of Richmond, Va., national president of Phi Beta Sigma, was also a part of the business observance program as well as having served on a panel discussion of "How Our Buying Power May Be Made to Serve Us Better."

### Atlanta Chapter Meets

Phi Beta Sigma chapters of Atlanta, Ga., recently sponsored a luncheon-conference on "The College and the Industrialization of the South."

The conference brought together Southern industrialists, business and labor leaders and the presidents and deans of Atlanta university, Clark, Morehouse and Morris Brown colleges.

Eta Sigma chapter of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity at Raleigh, N.C., celebrated the observance with a keynote speech by W. J. Kennedy Jr., president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company.

## White Prof. Made Phi Beta Sigma

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Dr. George G. Iggers, a white professor here at Philander Smith College, was recently made a member of the Little Rock graduate chapter of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

## White Man Joins Negro Fraternity In Deep Dixie

Dr. George G. Iggers a white professor here at Philander

Smith college was recently made a member of the Little Rock graduate chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, a leading Negro organization with chapters throughout the world.

Dr. Iggers, who holds a Ph. D. degree from the University of Chicago, is active in the N. A. A. C. P. and other such organizations. He has been made a member of the Sigma fraternity's social action committee.

This is probably the first time a white man has been made a member of a so-called Negro fraternity in the deep south.

## Ark. White Man Initiated In Negro Fraternity

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 8. — (Special) — Notification has just been received in Phi Beta Sigma's national office that Dr. George G. Iggers (white) has been designated an advisor of the undergraduate Phi Chapter of the fraternity at Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.

A member of the Mu Beta Sigma Chapter in Little Rock, Dr. Iggers is without doubt the first white man to be initiated into a predominantly Negro membership fraternity in the deep south. He is widely acclaimed as an outstanding educator.



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# PHI DELTA KAPPA



**A RARE HONOR**—T. J. Mayberry, professor of education at Alabama State College, and Dr. William H. Gray Jr., pastor of the Bright Hope Baptist Church, Philadelphia, are shown congratulating each other following their recent election to Phi Delta Kappa, national honorary education fraternity, at the University of Pennsylvania. They are the first Negroes to be elected to alumni membership in the fraternity.



## Frat Refuses Negro, Eight Members Quit

GALESBURG, Ill. — The president and nine of the 18 members of the Knox College chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity have resigned over refusal of the national headquarters to approve a Negro pledge.

Jerry Klapper, sophomore from Oak Park, Ill., president of the group, made the announcement this week. The Negro student was identified as William Hall.

sires to take action against discrimination and will sustain the right of any student organization to select its members without regard to race, color or creed."

## BIAS ISSUE IN FRATERNITY

### Negro Is Barred at Knox College and Nine Members Will Resign

GALESBURG, Ill., May 29 (AP)—The president of the Knox College chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa said today he was resigning because the national headquarters of the fraternity refused to let the chapter induct a Negro.

Jerry Klapper of Oak Park added that nine of the 18 members of the chapter were resigning. Phi Sigma Kappa was founded at the University of Massachusetts in 1873, has sixty-six active chapters and about 25,000 members. The Knox chapter was installed in 1928.

## Fraternity Ousted At Knox College

GALESBURG, Ill.—(INS)—The faculty of Knox College at Galesburg, Ill., ousted the Phi Sigma Kappa chapter from the campus because of what it termed the national fraternity's "policy of racial discrimination."

The action was taken after the chapter's president, sophomore Jerry Klapper of Oak Park, Ill., and more than half the members resigned in protest against the national fraternity's refusal to permit the chapter to accept a Negro pledge.

Professor Proctor F. Sherwin, secretary of the Knox College faculty, said in announcing the immediate ousting of the fraternity:

"The faculty does not seek to legislate against prejudice, but de-



## Unit Suspended For Initiating Atlanta Student

BOSTON (SNS)—A chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity at Boston University has been suspended by the national board of officers for initiating an Atlanta Negro student.

Officials of the Mu Triton chapter of the fraternity said that Robert Thomas was one of a group of twenty-one spring candidates who were initiated.

Carter Van Waes of Cambridge, retiring president of the Triton Chapter, and Robert D. Shanley of Boston, incoming president, issued a joint statement.

They said that violation of the national by-laws on pre-initiation activities had been given as the cause for suspension. They added, however, that the stated cause was "mere pretext" because the chapter previously had been warned of suspension if the students in question were elected to receive the initiation.

The student was Robert Thomas of Atlanta, Ga., a sophomore at the College of Liberal Arts. The twenty students initiated with

him last Saturday previously were informed of the possible suspension but unanimously agreed to full support of the chapter.

## Suspend Boston U. Frat; Initiated Negro Brother

Boston, Mass.—The Boston university chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa announced Tuesday it has been suspended by the national fraternity after electing a Negro brother in violation of an official mandate.

Retiring President Carter Van Waes of Cambridge said he was served with a mandate last Thursday after the chapter had pledged Robert Thomas of Atlanta, Ga., to membership. He was initiated Saturday.



## E. Dunbar Prexy Of Temple Frat

### PHILADELPHIA

A colored student has been elected president of Temple University's chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity for the first time in the history of the school.

The honor went to Ernest Dunbar, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunbar, of this city and a junior in the Department of Journalism.

At the beginning of the present semester Dunbar was appointed city editor of the university's undergraduate newspaper, another first. He plans to enter public relations after graduation.

Active in student activities, he is president of the Temple chapter of the NAACP, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and was a member of the freshmen orientation at the school.



## AKAs Continue Health Program

CLEVELAND (ANP) — With more than 1,100 sorors in attendance, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority topped all other Greek-letter organizations in delegates to the convention held here recently. The Alleton hotel was headquarters.

The theme "Equal Opportunity—Equal Responsibility," was elaborated on in discussions and meetings of the sorority.

Scholarship recipients included:

Soror Barbara Spears, Chicago Teachers College, \$700; Joyce B. Edwards, Kentucky State College, \$500, and Martha Washington, Langston University, \$350 national award.

Regional prizes of \$25 each were awarded to the following:

Mildred Trexiera, Howard University; Jeanne Morgan, North Carolina College, Durham, N.C.; Geneva Banks, South Carolina State College, Orangeburg; Margaret Walker, University of Cincinnati; Gail Frazer, Central State College, Xenia, Ohio; Charlotte Dutland, Knoxville, Tenn.;

Also Leola Venson, Memphis, Tenn.; Anne M. Cooper, Talladega, Ala.; Jane C. Waugh, Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.; Alice C. Mohr, New Orleans, La., and Norma J. Kimble, Langston University, Okla. *Sat. 1-17-53*

The sorority decided to repeat its health program which was developed at Howard University last year under a \$2,000 grant.

The next confab will be held in St. Louis. AKA officers include:

Laura T. Lovelace, president, Cincinnati; Wilberetta P. Johnson, 1st vice president, Cleveland; Norma J. Carter, 2nd vice president, New York; Carrie Bell Cook, secretary, Cleveland, and Lucille B. Wilkins, parliamentarian, Chicago.

## Career Inspired Award



Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, an honorary member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, who inspired the chapter's establishment of an award in human relations, is shown with Soror India W. Scurlock as she arrived at the Washington Hotel, Washington, where she was guest of honor and speaker.

## Alpha Kappa Alphas Establish Award For International Study

WASHINGTON — In appreciation for a "distinguished life of service to all mankind," three Washington chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority announced the establishment of an Eleanor Roosevelt Human Relations award, here, Wednesday evening.

The fellowship, established by Alpha, Beta Lambda and Xi Omega chapters, will provide for study on the international level of human relations.

Mrs. Roosevelt, an honorary member of AKA, expressed special pleasure in the establishment of the fellowship, and pointed to increasing opportunities for women in the field.

The former First Lady, speaking on Wednesday at the annual Founder's Day dinner, held in the Washington Hotel, and marking the 45th anniversary of the sorority, told the group that the shortest way to world-wide peace is a working democracy in the United States.

Peace, she said, may not be far off when leaders behind the iron curtain recognize that they are not going to achieve communism on a world-wide basis.

### Theory Must Work

This will only come about by America demonstrating good belief in the democratic theory that all human beings have the same rights, she said.

The Declaration of Human Rights should be taught in every school and its non-discrimination clause, that all human beings have equal value, must be established in America as well as throughout the world.

### UN Workable

Despite the charges that the United Nations provide more talk than action, Mrs. Roosevelt pointed to the positive worth of the organization.

UN, she said, provides a bridge over which the peoples of the world, with their different backgrounds, religions, habits and customs, may talk. This, she said, is the groundwork for better understanding.

Women as conservers of civilization, must be intelligent on the issues at stake, but further still, must have the char-

acter, strength, courage and will to work towards strengthening this country of ours, Mrs. Roosevelt said.

### Dr. Parker Officiates

Mrs. Roosevelt was presented by Dr. Marjorie H. Parker, basileus of Xi Omega chapter. Mrs. Jeanette W. Brown presided.

Other participants on the program were Mrs. Doris Heggans, basileus of Alpha chapter; Mrs. Barbara King, basileus of Beta Lambda chapter, Dr. Dorothy B.

Ferebee and Mrs. Eunice Matthews.

Miss Anita Coleman was soloist. She was accompanied by Miss Marjorie Parker.

As a memento of the occasion, Mrs. Roosevelt received a book of paintings of the works of Miss Lois Maihou Jones, a soror on Howard university faculty.

The honorarium usually received by the speaker was, by the direction of Mrs. Roosevelt, sent to the Bethune-Cookman school.



# Washington Alpha Kappa Alphas' Award Sparks Dinner



Among out-of-towners who attended the Founder's Day dinner of Alpha, Beta Lambda and Xi Omega chapters, AKA, in Washington, Wednesday evening, were the Baltimore group, left to right above: Sorors Laura Jones, Mabel Frisby, Erma Davis, Anita Wheatley, Dellaphine Warrington and Verniece Reynolds.

## From The Record

The worth of Negro women's organizations in pioneering new areas of service to the Nation and the race is hard to assess. But in the forefront of such groups stand the National women's sororities. Alpha Kappa Alpha with its membership of 16,000 operating in 239 chapters located in 35 states bases its program emphasis on scholarship, human rights, health and housing. Delta Sigma Theta with a membership of 15,000 holding forth in 26 chapters, operative in 35 states and the Republic of Haiti, uses as its program emphasis: scholarship, library service, job opportunities for minority groups, education, civic and social development. We intend to call the roll, so keep your eyes peeled. And speaking of racial advance, that Georgia supplement, packaged with this week's New York Times, says that the first General Hospital for Negroes in the United States was opened in Savannah, Ga., in 1832 and that the "peach state" provided the first school for Negro nurses and was therefore the first state to provide certification for a Negro nurse. Peace, Governor Talmadge!

## 600 to attend AKA sessions

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Six hundred delegates and an equal number of sorors are expected to attend the 33rd annual boule of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, here Dec. 26 through 30.

The boule will be quartered in St. Louis' municipal Kiel auditorium, 14th and Market sts.

The challenge of this year's meeting has been sounded in the boule theme, "Equal Opportunity, the Challenge of Equal Responsibility."

Mrs. Lovelace To Preside  
The sessions will be held under the leadership of Mrs. Laura T. Lovelace of Cincinnati, O., the Supreme Basileus.

Serving as hostesses for the meeting will be the three area chapters, Gamma Omega of St. Louis; Delta Delta Omega of East St. Louis Ill., and Beta Delta of Stowe teacher's college in St. Louis.

Aside from the various closed sessions, two important public meetings are scheduled.

Elmer Henderson, executive director of the American Council on Human Rights, will deliver the main address for the public luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd. Reservations are already being accepted for this meeting.

Dr. Reed Scheduled  
Dr. Wayne Reed, assistant commissioner of education, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, will address the public meeting at the auditorium. On Dec. 3, the sorors will

gather in their annual closed banquet to hear a soror, Mrs. Carmel Carrington Marr, area director of the United Nations, under Henry Cabot Lodge give the principal address.

Mrs. Carrey B. Maddox, national administrative secretary of the AKA national offices in Chicago, arrived here Sunday to complete conclave arrangements and established headquarters at the Phyllis Wheatley Young Women's Christian Association at 279 Locust street, here. The YWCA here will serve as temporary headquarters until boule time.

Mrs. Gordon Chairman  
Mrs. W. C. Gordon, basileus of Gamma Omega chapter, is general chairman of the boule steering committee. Mrs. Booker Blackwell is basileus of Delta Delta Omega and Miss Estella Brown is basileus of Beta Delta.

A full round of social activities has been planned including the annual formal dancing party given by the sorority and another formal dance presented in the AKA's honor by the St. Louis Pan Hellenic council.



## The Golden Agers Act Their Age



**Hobby Lovers—** The Golden Agers of a section of Durham, N. C., called "Walltown" show some of their handiwork. The group meets at inter-

vals throughout the year for outings, meetings and to work at their hobbies.—Rivera Photo.

**Honorees Represent 5,000 Years**

## *Courier* *Pittsburgh, Pa.* Durham's Deltas Fete Members Of Golden Age Club With Party

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By A. M. RIVERA JR.  
(Courier Staff Correspondent)

DURHAM, N. C.—Seventy-two people, whose combined ages totaled over 5,000 years, were entertained last week at the Algonquin Club by the Alpha Kappa Sigma Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority of this city.

chided each other to "act your age" for an evening of merriment and frivolity.

According to Mrs. Hortense Snow Bailey, chairman of the program, pointed out that these Golden Agers after fifty centuries of watching the pulsating rise of a struggling people; 5,000 years of now and that there were watching fortunes change. \* \* \*

MRS. ROSEMARY Funder-

The Golden Agers, as they refer to themselves, sang, recited, told jokes, exhibited handiwork, enjoyed the refreshments, received gifts and

burg, mistress of ceremonies, commented, "How wonderful it must be to have witnessed the birth of electricity, the telephone, the automobile, the



**The Delta Story—** Mrs. Rosemary Funderburg, mistress of ceremonies for the Golden Agers party given by the Delta Sorority in Durham, N. C., last week, tells Francis Jarman, CBS commentator, how the sorority got interested in such a party. In the background is Snow Bailey, chairman of the entertainment committee.—Rivera Photo.

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**Gifts From Sorors—** Mrs. Hannah Bradley, age 71, and R. B. Hymen, 89, receive gifts from Harriet Amey on behalf of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in Durham, N. C.—Rivera Photo.



**Golden Agers—** Any stage of life can be an enjoyable experience, according to these members of the Golden Agers in Durham, N. C. Mrs. Annie McDade, far right, said, "I have a better time now than I did when I had to stay home so much with my wifely chores." Inset is the Rev. E. A. Eubanks, always the life of the party. Others in the picture, left to right, are Mrs. James Bailey, Mrs. C. W. Eaton, Mrs. Lillie McDade and Mrs. Annie McDade.—Rivera Photo.



# Deltas Re-Elect Miss Height, Urge Like To Back Civil Rights

CLEVELAND (ANP) — The election of Miss Dorothy I. Height to her third consecutive term as grand national president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and a tribute paid to one of the sorors were highlights of the 22nd national convention held here.

Miss Height, a member of the leadership service staff of the National Young Women's Christian Association, recently returned from India where she served as visiting professor of the Delhi School of Social Work, an affiliate of Delhi University.

Miss Beatrice E. Penman, "Human Rights from Charter to Kansas City, Kan., was honored for 13 years of distinguished service as treasurer of the sorority. She was voted treasurer emerita.

The convention voted to continue its membership in the ACHR and the National Council of Women, and also to continue its cooperation with the National Urban League, the NAACP in specific programs and areas, and the United Nations.

Miss Marjorie Penney of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Elizabeth C. Vroman of Montgomery, Ala., were voted into honorary membership in the sorority.

"Practice" was the theme of the convention. In line with this theme, the sorority voted to urge President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower to fulfill immediately his commitment to support legislation to achieve a real and just solution to economic, cultural, social and humanitarian problems for all Americans without regard to race, color, creed or national origin.

Other Officers Named  
New York was selected as the site of the 23rd convention which will convene in August, 1954.

Besides Miss Height, other officers elected include:

Mrs. Rober S. Cann, Cincinnati, first vice president; Miss Anne Fisher, University of Pennsylvania, second vice president; Miss Nancy H. Lee, Pittsburgh, Pa., secretary; Mrs. Dorothy P. Harrison, Langston, Okla., treasurer;

Mrs. Gwendolyn H. Higgin-

botham, Bluefield, W. Va., chairman of finance committee; Dr. Marohal N. Young, Philadelphia and Miss Corinne Maybuce, Baton Rouge, La., committee-women.

## Mrs. Eisenhower Delta Hostess

WASHINGTON  
The fortieth anniversary May Week celebration of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, grand chapter, will culminate in a reception at the White House, when Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower receives members on Thursday.

Delta Sigma Theta, founded in 1913 at Howard University, is celebrating its anniversary with a series of activities in the Nation's Capital, this week. Included in the week's activities is the coast-to-coast broadcast of "America's Town Meeting of the Air," to which Delta will be hostess. The broadcast will originate from Cardozo High School, here on Tuesday at 9 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

To Dedicate Home  
The new National Headquarters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, located at 1814 M st., nw, will be dedicated on May 10. On May 11 and 12, Delta is holding a citizenship seminar on Capitol Hill in the Senate Office Building at which time outstanding members of Congress and other community leaders will discuss "Citizenship Responsibilities." Groups will visit government agencies for briefings on the operations of the Executive departments and their work with citizen groups.

More than 150 Deltas from across the country and 500 Washington members of the sorority are expected to participate in the week's activities.

Mrs. Walter C. Daniel is general chairman of the May Week Committee. Miss Dorothy I. Height of New York City is Patricia Roberts of this city is the

grand president and Miss Pa-executive director.

## Deltas Give \$1,000 To Hospital

MOBILE, Ala. — A check for \$1,000 to be used for the purchase of surgical instruments was presented to the Blessed Martin de Porres Hospital last week by Beta Eta Sigma chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

The presentation was made by Miss Alberta Brazier, basileus of the sorority chapter in a brief ceremony at the hospital Tuesday night.

The gift was made in honor of Dr. Georgia Oden, a staff physician at the hospital and a member of the sorority.



PRESIDES OVER DELTA  
EXECUTIVE BOARD

Miss Dorothy I. Height, national president of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, is presiding over the meeting of the executive board and standing committees of the sorority. The meeting, which opened Aug. 16 and will close Aug. 22, is in progress at the sorority's national headquarters, 1814 "M" Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Scholarships will be awarded at this meeting and three standing committees. —(ANP)

## Delta Sigma Theta Executive Board Meeting Announced

The executive board and standing committee of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., will meet in Washington, D. C., Aug. 16-22, as announced by Dorothy I. Height, national president of the sorority, who will preside. The meeting will be held at the sorority's national headquarters, 1814 M Street, N. W.

At this meeting of the executive board, the first since the December, 1952, Delta Sigma Theta convention in Cleveland, the sorority's scholarship awards for 1953 will be made, and national projects to be conducted during the coming year will be determined.

Members of the executive board are Mrs. Bebe S. Cann, Cincinnati, Ohio, first grand vice president; Miss Ann Fisher, Norristown, Pa., second grand vice president; Miss Nancy H. Lee, Pittsburgh, Pa.; grand secretary; Mrs. Dorothy P. Harrison, Langston, Okla., grand treasurer; Mrs. Gwendolyn H. Higginbotham, Bluefield, W. Va.; chairman of finance committee; Mrs. Alma V. Marsh, Tulsa, Okla., Central regional director; Mrs. Pauline F. Weeden, Lynchburg, Va., Eastern regional director; Mrs. Mary Lou Tolbert, Los Angeles, Calif., Far West regional director; Mrs. Janet A. Hamilton, Chicago, Ill., Midwest regional director; Miss M. Lucia James, Atlanta, Ga., Southern regional director; Mrs. Aster Lee Henderson, Houston, Tex., Southwest regional director, and Mrs. Sadie T. M. Alexander, Philadelphia, Pa., legal adviser.

The following members of committees will be present: scholarship and standards, Mrs. Corinne Mabuce, Baton Rouge, La.; finance, Mrs. Virginia R. Davis, Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Marietta Cephas, Petersburg, Va.; personnel, Mrs. Alma M. Harilee, Philadelphia; Mrs. Vivian Washington, Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Dorothy S. Proctor, Washington, D. C.

## Deltas award scholarships

WASHINGTON

Delta Sigma Theta sorority last week awarded 10 scholarships in four categories to co-eds to pursue work in their respective fields.

The scholarships were presented to members of the sorority with work experience who wished to complete work in specific areas, high school graduates who will be entering college this fall, to non-Deltas who are currently enrolled in college, and to members of the sorority without work experience who will be entering graduate school this fall.

Two awards were presented in the first category. Recipients were Miss Anna F. Marvin, a student at the University of Washington, Pullman, Wash., to complete as student of the Social Adjustment of the blind in the in the Northwest, and Mrs. Aurelia N. Young, who will study piano composition and music theory at Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.

Second Category  
Recipients of the awards in the second category were Miss Lenora Cole Buffalo, N.Y., and Miss Bernadett Ellison, Baltimore, Md. Both will enter Howard university.

In the third category were Miss Ruth Skelton, Greensboro, N.C. and Miss Grace White, Lynchburg, Va., Miss Skelton will use hers to complete her senior year at A. and T. college, while Miss White, a sophomore, will attend Howard university. These young women are not members of the sorority.

The fourth and final category saw awards being presented to the following:

Miss Patricia Adams, West Palm Beach, Fla., for graduate work in voice at Howard; Miss Barbara Williams Tuskegee Institute, Ala., to enter the graduate school at New York university to study home economics; Miss Delores Gordon, Louisville, Ky. to enter as a freshman the college of medicine at the University of Kentucky; and Miss Arthrell Dupree, Farmville, N.C. to study English in the graduate school at Claremont college in Claremont, Calif.

## Awards Listed

Delta Sigma Theta also will make the following awards:

The Juliette Dericotte award to the University of Pittsburgh for a student who is studying group work in a school of social work; a scholarship to the Delhi School of Social Work, Delhi, India, and a special award to finance graduate study for a member of the staff of the YWCA.

Recipients of the first two awards will be selected by their respective schools. The YW staff worker will be selected by the National Board of the YWCA.

Members of the scholarship committee are:

Miss Dorothy L. Height, grand president; Dr. Marechal Neal Young of Philadelphia; Mrs. Dorothy P. Harrison of Langston, Okla.; Miss Nancy H. Lee of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Corinne D. Maybuce of Baton Rouge, La.; and Mrs. Reber S. Cann of Cincinnati, O., chairman.



## Delta Sigma Theta Members Received by Mrs. Eisenhower



Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower recently met one hundred members of the Delta Sigma Theta at a reception at the White House. The sorority members, who were participating in the National May Week activities held by Delta Sigma Theta's Grand Chapter in conjunction with the dedication of its national headquarters, were charmed by the graciousness of the new First Lady.

During the White House reception, members of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority presented a copy of the Delta song, "There'll Be a Jubilee." In the photo above can be seen, from left to right, Patricia Roberts, executive director, Washington, D. C.; Dorothy P. Harrison, grand treasurer, Langston, Okla.; Mrs. Eisenhower; Dorothy Height, grand president, New York City; Reber S. Bann, grand first vice president, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mrs. Letitia J. Kirtley, administrative assistant, Washington, D. C. Dorothy P. Harrison is the wife of the president of Langston university.

## Coeds Get Scholarship Awards From Sorority

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — Delta Sigma Theta sorority last week awarded 10 scholarships in four categories to coeds to pursue work in their respective fields.

The scholarships were presented to members of the sorority with work experience who wished to complete work in specific areas, to high school graduates who will enter college this fall, to non-Delta who are currently enrolled in college and to members of the sorority without work experience who will be entering graduate school this fall.

Two awards were presented in the first category. Recipients were Miss Anna F. Marvin, a student at the University of Washington, Pullman, Washington, to complete a study of the Social Adjustment of the Blind in the Northwest.

And Mrs. Aurelia N. Young, who will study piano composition and music theory at Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.

Recipients of the awards in the second category were Lenora Cole, Buffalo, N. Y., and Miss Bernadett Ellison, Baltimore, Md. Both will enter Howard University.

versity.

In the third category, Miss Ruth Skelton, Greensboro, N. C. and Miss Grace White, Lynchburg, Va., were the recipients. Miss Skelton will use hers to complete her senior year at A and T college, while Miss White, a sophomore, will attend Howard university.

The fourth and final category saw awards being presented to the following: Miss Patricia Adams, West Palm Beach, Fla., for graduate work in voice at Howard; Miss Barbara Williams, Tuskegee Institute, Ala., to enter the graduate school at New York university to study home economics.

Miss Delores Gordon, Louisville, Ky., to enter as a freshman at the College of Medicine at the University of Kentucky; and Miss Ar-

threll Dupree, Farmville, N. C., to study English in the graduate school at Claeremont college in Claeremont, Calif.

Delta Sigma Theta also will make the following awards.

The Juliette Dericotte award to the University of Pittsburgh for a student who is studying group work in a school of social work; a scholarship to the Delhi School of Social Work, Delhi, India, and a special award to finance graduate study for a member of the staff of the YWCA.



## New York Acts Against Bias In Sororities

New York, N. Y., Oct. 12

The State University of New York announced today it had suspended two sororities for alleged discrimination and had ordered all fraternities and sororities in State-operated colleges to break with their national bodies.

University trustees said chapters of Sigma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Sigma Alpha sororities at the State University Teachers College, Cortland, had been suspended. University President William Carlson said the two sororities had clashed with the administration of the colleges and the University over denying admission to Negro and Jewish students.



# Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Names Mrs. E. J. Winston Bronze Woman Of The Year

COLUMBUS, GEORGIA. (SNS)—Tuesday evening marked the most outstanding event ever held in Columbus, when Beta Zeta chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, proclaimed Mrs. Elizabeth J. Winston Bronze Woman of the Year at a most unique banquet, given in her honor. The Regal Club was the scene of the occasion. Several witnessed the presentation of a beautiful trophy to her by Miss Clara E. Charleston, 1948 First Women of the Year in Columbus.

Mrs. Winston was pretty to look at, wearing a powder blue dress with lace stole. Dinner was served on a table setting in the form of a Cross, with flowers beautifully arranged. The emblem shone brilliantly.

Prof. W. M. Thomas, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and principal at Shephard Drive school, was toastmaster, serving in a most cultural way. Miss Charleston, president of the chapter, in presenting the award stated that the members of the chapter have given serious thought and study, and made a thorough survey of the city for the selection. The recipient has made an outstanding educational and professional attainment in this community. She has taught school, serving under five superintendents, who include the late Mr. C. B. Gibson, Dr. R. B. Daniel, Dr. P. M. Munro, the late Mr. J. L. Bond and Mr. W. H. Shaw. Most of her service was at Clafin. By their fruits ye shall know them. Let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in Heaven. Persons who give of themselves in untiring service, motivated by sincerity and complete unselfishness, have an abundance of energy with which to work. May God bless you. In accepting the honor, Mrs. Winston said, "Tonight is my night and I am intoxicated with happiness. My cup runneth over. I am deeply grateful to you for the honor you have seen fit to confer upon me, and have appreciated the efforts I put forth to serve. I have given the best years of my life in trying to render unselfish service; first in my church; next in the class room;

and the community at large. I shall continue to do all the good I can as the days come and go, for I would be true, for those who trust me and above all, keep constantly in touch with God.

Prof. S. P. Charleston, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and principal at Clafin school, where Mrs. Winston gave most of her 50 years of service as teacher, spoke of the esteem in which she is held by the students and faculty, and the love and interest she has for the school. Other testimonial tributes came from Rev. A. O. Wilson, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, pastor of St. James AME Church, including prayer, Prof. G. F. Rivers, Mrs. Nellie Poole, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, teacher at Meeler Hill school, Mr. E. E. Farley, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Farley Realty Co., and Man of the Year, Mr. Carl Haygood, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and Mrs. Lillian Terry, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, rendered solos for the occasion. Soror Ernestine Davis, director of the Sorority Hymn.

# Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Holds 24th Convention

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The 1953 Convention of the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority held in Philadelphia five days of this week (2-22 to 8-27-53) at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel marked the 24th year of this group of Business and Professional Women in the United States.

The National Convention was served by these National Officers: Mesdames Lola M. Parker, Chicago, Ill., founder-president emeritus; Jeannette Scott, Pittsburgh, Pa., National president; Bessie J. Whitted, Durham, N. C., second national vice-president; Waddelle O. Farmer, Atlanta, Ga., national secretary; Henriette Vincent, St. Louis, Mo., national treasurer; Anna J. Steen, Washington, D. C., national dean of pledges; Fannie M. Downey, Montclair, N. J., national journalist; Mahala Evans, Chicago, Ill., director of education and six regional directors, Miss Evelyn Wilkey, Baltimore, Md., Eastern; Mesdames Helen Johns Migue, Chicago, Ill., Western; Mary P. Bacote, Knoxville, Tenn., Southern; Sarah B. Simms, Denver, Colorado, Far Western; Ruby G. Embry, Cincinnati, Ohio, Northern and Alma I. Mackey, Dallas, Texas, Southwestern.

The theme of this convention was "EDUCATION AT THE CROSSROADS." An address at the Educational Program on Sunday afternoon, delivered by Dr. Uvee Mcdana, Secretary, Christian World Alliance, United Church Women, New York City, was developed around the theme and from the subject "Education for What?" The guest speaker gave Dr. Butterworth's definition of education, stating that education is the child, in a balloted election and were in-certainly the ward of the prevailing culture. It owes a debt to the home, the schools, actual day by day experiences and the church. She stated a fourth "R": Relationships with others was a definite part of being educated. The Britisher, Mary P. Bacote, Knoxville, Tenn., which one possesses if he can entertain a new idea; entertain another person and entertain himself. She highlighted areas of action that are now a definite challenge to those who are supposed to be educated. Her words to more than 500 persons in the Burgundy Room of the Bellevue-Stratford were: to be educated for something worth-

while; to react as stable, emotionally, as possible to the many vicissitudes of life. Education is preparation for such. Education, she continues, therefore, makes every day count for something worthwhile. She complimented the sorority on their national program and scholarship awards.

The national president, Soror Jeanne S. Scott, highlighted the theme in her annual message to the convention. Mention was made of the Supreme Court cases involving educational opportunities for all in schools of higher learning. In concluding her report to the convention, the president posed a thought provoking question to the sorority: "What do you expect of your leadership?" This is a challenge for the group as it approaches the end of a quarter of a century of existence.

Some of the outstanding accomplishments of members of this group were given by the president: (1) Philadelphia produced a very complete convention from the welcoming of sorors to the fond farewell on Thursday morning. Much praise is theirs for a grand convention. Soror Florence Madison Hill, national convention chairman and Soror Beatrice E. Crawford, president of Beta Omicron are responsible for this great success. The convention adjourned to meet in Chicago, Ill., next August to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the sorority.

The term of office for three national officers expired with this session. They succeeded themselves in a balloted election and were installed at the banquet on Wednesday night held at the Broadwood Hotel. Soror Lola M. Parker, president emeritus, was the installing officer. Those elected were Miss Evelyn D. Wilkey, Baltimore, Md., being educated. The Britisher, Mary P. Bacote, Knoxville, Tenn., which one possesses if he can entertain a new idea; entertain another person and entertain himself. She highlighted areas of action that are now a definite challenge to those who are supposed to be educated. Her words to more than 500 persons in the Burgundy Room of the Bellevue-Stratford were: to be educated for something worth-

As a result of the many long sessions of this fall meeting, the National Convention went on record as resolving: That Iota Phi Lambda Sorority continue its program of education by the awarding of scholarships to

deserving young women—on national, regional and local levels; That the Sorority commit itself to a program of action on these vital issues of the day by proper legislative action (a) at such times and occasions when action is indicated, urging that the civil and human rights of all citizens of the United States, regardless of race, color or creed, be protected, enforced and upheld; (b) urging the Supreme Court to rule that segregation in public schools is illegal and unconstitutional and (c) when indicated, urging that government aid be banned in all building programs where discriminatory practices are premitted.

The group further resolved to take cognizance of the struggle for freedom in Africa, and that our support be offered to programs and plans now being formulated for such aid to Africa. Also that the group urge the United National General Assembly to support Africa in its fight for freedom.

The Convention was attended by more than one hundred and fifty persons from thirty-five states. The hostess chapter, Beta Omicron, of Philadelphia produced a very complete convention from the welcoming of sorors to the fond farewell on Thursday morning. Much praise is theirs for a grand convention. Soror Florence Madison Hill, national convention chairman and Soror Beatrice E. Crawford, president of Beta Omicron are responsible for this great success.

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# Phi Delta Kappa Hears Report On Recent Nashville Conclave

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TUSKEGEE, Ala., Jan. 17—The initial 1953 meeting of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Upsilon Chapter, Tuskegee Institute was held Friday night at the home of Mesdames Elizabeth Flake and Letita Carter with Miss Jane E. DeNeal and Mrs. Martha D. Swan as co-hostesses.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear the report from the 29th anniversary conclave which was in session at Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 27-30 with Alpha Beta Chapter serving as hostess. The official delegate, Miss Jane E. DeNeal, who also serves as the anti-basileus of the local chapter, and secretary of the southern region gave a detailed report of the conclave. Miss Pauline Fort served as the alternate.

Miss DeNeal reported the success of the conclave in its deliberations. The sorority has for its motto "to foster a spirit of sisterhood among teachers and to promote the highest ideals of the teaching profession." With this motto in mind, the sorority has for its national program the following projects upon which it thrives: scholarships and achievement awards, a reading room in Monrovia, Liberia, recreation rooms for youth, study of Negro History and the March of Dimes Campaign. Reports from the conclave showed that commendable progress had been attained by local chapters as well as being publicized nationally.

The scholarship chairman, Mrs. Grace H. Racker, Theta Chapter, Brooklyn, N. Y. reported that from 1948 - 1952, 2,373 persons were tested; that \$7,050 were given nationally and locally for scholarships. For 1952, Ann Louise Morgan, national winner, sponsored by Nu Chapter, Birmingham, Ala., and Barbara Morgan, Western Regional winner, was sponsored by Kappa Chapter, Youngstown, O.

Since Phi Delta Kappa is a professional organization of teachers who are interested in the educational well-being of youth, a telegram was sent by the national body to President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower commending him on his plan of appointing a commission to study Discrimination

in Education, and Civil Rights, and his appointment of women to office.

The public meeting was held in Fisk Memorial Chapel, Sunday Evening, Dec. 28. The guest speaker was the honorable Archibald Carey Jr., alderman of the Third District, Chicago, who chose the national theme of the sorority "Education: Democracy's Laboratory" as his subject.

Musical selections were rendered by the Estralita chorus, Nashville. Greetings were brought by the local Greek Letter Organizations, Fisk University, A & I Tennessee State University and Meharry Medical College.

Mrs. Addie Holt Johnson, Southern Regional Director, Atlanta, Ga. introduced Mrs. Marion H. Bluit, the National President, who presented citations to outstanding women in education.

The 1952 honorees were: Mrs. Virginia Simmons Nyabongo, Ph.D. Foreign Languages, University of Wisconsin; director of student personnel, professor of modern language, A & I Tennessee State University, for her contribution in the field of education through her writings and her work in counseling and guidance.

Miss Evelyn Boyd, Ph.D. mathematics, Yale University; mathematician ordinance division, Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C., formerly professor at Fisk University, for most outstanding achievement of our national scholarship winner, being the first to have earned the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Mrs. Charlotte Andrews Stephen, retired teacher; for her pioneer work in education in Little Rock, Ark., having the honor of being the first Negro teacher, serving for 70 years, and for whom a school was named during her years of service. At 91 years of age, Mrs. Stephens is still active in educational work.

Miss Edna Thomas, graduate student, University of Chicago, former teacher in Mobile, Ala.; internationally known lecturer and Public Relation Consultant in Office Mayor, Philadelphia, Pa., for her distinguished work in international human understandings, or representative for the Institute for Better International Understanding, University of Oslo, Norway.

"Woman of the Year"  
Miss Mary Elizabeth Vroman, teacher in Montgomery, Ala.;

recipient of \$2,000 Christopher Pa., supreme tamiouchos; Award and trophy for best magazine article of 1951, appearing in Ladies' Home Journal, for the demonstration of what "one person can do" in the field of racial relations through the writing of "See How They Run," recently filmed by MGM Studios, Hollywood, Calif.

After hearing the report, a dinner was served by the co-hostesses Swan and DeNeal.

## Phi Delta Kappa In 29th Meeting

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (ANP)—The national sorority of Phi Delta Kappa met here recently for its 29th anniversary conclave and re-elected Mrs. Marion H. Bluit supreme basileus, passed resolutions, presented citations and featured workshops. The convention met on campus of Tennessee State College.

All but two of the other officers were re-elected to office. New officers were elected to fill vacancies created by the resignation of Mrs. Anna Davidson, third anti-basileus of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mrs. Lillian G. Burns, national publicity director of Camden, N.J. Officers were elected for a two-year term.

The Rev. Archibald J. Carey AME church in Chicago, was the principal speaker at the public meeting in the Fisk Memorial Chapel.

Mrs. Bluit presented citations to:

Dr. Evelyn Bond, for her work in mathematics; Miss Edna A. Thomas, for her work with the Institute for Better International Understanding; Mrs. Charlotte A. Stephens, for her work in education among Little Rock, Ark. pupils; Mary E. Vroman, for her writing, and Dr. Virginia S. Nyabongo, for her contribution to education through her writings.

Officers elected include:

Mrs. Bluit, D.C., supreme basileus; Mrs. Helen A. Maxwell, Brooklyn, first anti-basileus; Mrs. Addie H. Johnson, Atlanta, second anti-basileus; Mrs. Rosetta Elliott, Chicago, succeeds Mrs. Davidson as third anti-basileus; Mrs. Mabel S. Bouldin, Chicago, supreme grammateus; Mrs. Kathryn R. Thomas, D.C., supreme epistoleus; Miss Gwendolyn A. Brown, West Chester,

## Regional Body Takes Firm Stand

In a resolution drafted at its mid-western regional meeting here last Friday the Phi Delta Kappa, a professional teachers' sorority, went on record favoring the "desegregation of American youth in our American schools."

The resolution will go from this region representing 12 chapters from six states as a recommendation to the national convention when it convenes in Chicago in 1954.

The regional also approved the placing of "greater emphasis on proper guidance and what is good for the individual regardless of race or creed."

The sorority further went in on record as condemning the action of Topeka, Kansas school officials who are presently attempting to oust six Negro teachers from the system, to ward off a possible Supreme Court ruling to integrate the Kansas schools. One of the cases now before the high tribunal involves the schools of Topeka.

These resolutions were adopted by the predominantly Negro body of teachers as the nation awaits the U. S. Supreme Court ruling on the vital question of segregated schools.

The meeting, which headquartered at the Adams hotel, opened Friday night with a public meeting at the Lane Tabernacle CME church's education building.

On Saturday the group heard a panel discussion on the theme "How Our Present System of Edu-

cation Prepares Children to Live the Four Freedoms."

Participating on this panel were Dr. Ruth M. Harris, president, Stowe teacher's college; Miss Jennie Wahlert, instructor in education, Harris teachers' college Harold Smith, an assistant director of education, St. Louis Board of Education; Mrs. Mabel G. Bouldin, of Chicago and Mrs. Corinthian Nutter of Kansas City, Mo.

A radio skit was also presented during Saturday's session by pupils of the Cupples elementary school under the direction of Miss Flourette Perkins. The skit was called "What is Mine."

The regional closed with morning worship Sunday at the Good Samaritan church, 4345 Washington avenue, where the pastor, Rev. J. Kelly challenged the group to face the issue of integrated schools.

The Phi Delta Kappa sorority is an honorary professional group. As a part of its national program it sponsors high school guidance groups and gives annually a national scholarship of \$900 to some high school student going into a teachers' college. This year, the scholarship was won by Frederica Prohberg, a white girl. Scholarships are also sponsored by its individual chapters in their local communities. Alpha Nu chapter was host to the regional with Miss Berle Stuart serving as regional chairman. Mrs. Thelma H. Conde is basileus of Alpha Nu chapter and Mrs. Marion Bluit of Washington, D. C., is the supreme basileus.

A formal banquet in the Rainbow Room of the Adams hotel and a formal dance at the Mocambo Friday night were the highlights of the meeting.



# Marion Bluitt Elected Teachers' Sorority Head

By IVANETTA H. DAVIS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Over two hundred delegates from three regions—Eastern, Midwestern and Southern—journeyed to Nashville Dec. 26-30, for their twenty-ninth anniversary conclave with Alpha Beta as the hostess chapter. The place of registration and the scene of all but one of the sessions was Tennessee State University. The theme: "Education: Democracy's Laboratory."

Founded in 1923 in New Jersey, this professional organization has made outstanding contributions, among which are its national scholarship programs; its cooperation with the March of Dimes Campaign which it expands through a Convalescent Home for Infantile Paralysis patients maintained in Tuskegee by its chapter there; and its most recent project in Liberia.

In Liberia since November, 1951, Phi Delta Kappa has maintained a building which is opened to children up to the age of 14 of all races and creeds. Mrs. Sarah Simpson George, a soror, supervises the room.

## DELEGATES ARRIVE

Some of the first delegates to arrive were Mrs. Mabel S. Bouldin, Supreme Grammarian, and Mrs. Valeria E. Rinehart, editor-in-chief of the "Krinon," both of Chicago. Other early arrivals were from Greater Kansas City: Mrs. Barbara Mason and Mrs. Bobbie Walls, former basileus; Miss Beryl Stuart, St. Louis, Mo., and Miss Lucille Long of Alpha Nu. Flying in from Toledo, Ohio, was Mrs. Mayola Senior.

The Pan-American brought two special cars of the East Coast delegates. This delegation included Mrs. Marion H. Bluitt, Supreme Basileus, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Olivia S. Henry, executive adviser, Philadelphia; Mrs. Helen Maxwell, first anti-basileus, Brooklyn; Mrs. Kathryn R. Thomas, Supreme Epistoleus, Washington, D. C.; Miss Gwendolyn A. Brown, Supreme Tamiouchos, Chester, Pa.; Mrs. E. Theresa McIver, Supreme Tamiias, Catonsville, Md.; Mrs. Grace H. Racker, national program director, Brooklyn, and Mrs. Lillian G. Burns, national publicity director, Camden, N. J.

## PUBLIC MEETING

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student, University of Chicago; former teacher in Mobile, Ala.; internationally known lecturer and public relations consultant in office of Mayor, Philadelphia, Pa., for her distinguished work in international human understandings, as representative for the Institute for Better Understanding, University of Oslo;

As Woman of the Year, Phi Delta Kappa cited Miss Mary Elizabeth Vroman, teacher in Montgomery, Ala.; recipient of \$2,000 Christopher Award and trophy for best magazine article of 1951, appearing in Ladies' Home Journal, for her demonstration of what "one person can do" in the field of racial relations through the writing of "See How They Run," recently filmed by M-G-M Studios, Hollywood, Calif.

Greetings were brought to Phi Delta Kappa at this meeting by Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president, Fisk University; Dr. W. S. Davis, president, Tennessee State University; Dr. Harold D. West, president, Meharry Medical College, and by representatives of Greeks. Mrs. Carrie M. Hull responded.

## OFFICERS ELECTED

Sorors will meet in Washington, D. C., in 1953, and in Chicago in 1954.

Two national officers resigned from office: Mrs. Anna Davidson III, Anti-Basileus of Cincinnati, Ohio, after serving four consecutive years, and Mrs. Lillian Goings Burns, national publicity director of Camden, N. J., after serving eight consecutive years.

Officers elected for a term of two years were: Mrs. Marion H. Bluitt, Supreme Basileus, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Helen A. Maxwell, 1st Anti-Basileus, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Addie Holt Johnson, 2nd Anti-Basileus, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Rosetta Elliott, 3rd Anti-Basileus, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Mabel S. Bouldin, Supreme Grammarian, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Kathryn R. Thomas, Supreme Epistoleus, Washington, D. C.; Miss Gwendolyn A. Brown, Supreme Tamiouchos, West Chester, Pa.; Mrs. E. Theresa McIver, Supreme Tamiias, Catonsville, Md.; Mrs. Valeria E. Rinehart, editor-in-chief of Krinon; Mrs. Grace A. Racker, national program director, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Mayola Senior, national publicity director, Toledo, Ohio.

Members at large are Eastern Region, Miss Cleo Daniels, New York City, N. Y., and Southern Region, Mrs. Hellyn Johns, Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Edna Thomas, graduate

## Sorority Leaders Acclaim Nashville "Tops" As Host City, Hospitality Unequalled By Other Cities

The 29th Annual Convention of the Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, which began its session on Saturday in the auditorium of Tennessee A&I State university on Saturday, December 27, adjourned on Tuesday night of this week at a closed banquet for the delegates held in the cafeteria at the university. Soon after adjournment delegates, from many parts of the United States caught trains, planes and other methods of travel for their homes.

At a press conference on Friday evening before the session began, Mrs. Lillian Goings Burns, the publicity director of the sorority, had forecast the attendance of between 400 and 500 members. This did not materialize, but the session lacked in numbers was compensated for in the devotion to business and pleasure of a delegation, numbering between 125 and 150 charming teachers from near and far.



MARION H. BLUITT  
Supreme Basileus

Nashville officers and members of Phi Beta chapter were recipients of heart-warming praises from the Supreme Basileus Marion H. Bluitt, other national officers and all of the delegates for the way the

Nashvillians put over the job of entertaining the national session.

Special praise was given for the following features of the Nashville session:

1. The food and housing at A&I State university and the painstaking care taken by President W. S. Davis and Vice President A. V. Boswell of A&I in seeing that the delegates were treated as guests, in all that the term implies.

2. Splendid public program of Sunday night, December 28 in Fisk Memorial Chapel, with President Charles S. Johnson making available the chapel and the foyer of Fisk's Jubilee Hall, for the public reception given the guest speaker and officers of both the National and Local Organizations, Sunday night.

3. The royal entertainment provided by five Greek groups as follows: Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Snack Bar; Alpha Chi Psi Omega Sorority of Beauticians, "Chew and Chat" entertainment at the home of Mrs. Eva Lowery Bowman, 1226 Villa Place; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Bridge Party; Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, jointly, a Soiree.

4. The competent handling of the National Meeting by Alpha Beta chapter, the hostess of the Annual Meeting.

5. The free souvenirs, artistic bed lamps, one for each delegate, the handiwork of Soror Phynetta D. News, Art Supervisor in the Nashville City Public Schools.

The visitors were frank in stating that this was the best cared-for meeting the sorority has ever held, and said that the Nashvillians had set a mark that it will be difficult for any other entertaining city to reach.

Most of the sessions were "closed" to the general public, like all other lodge meetings. But the public meeting on Sunday night, at which Dr. Archibald Carey spoke, and a formal dance in the Little Theater in the Boray Building, Monday night, were open to the public—the latter by invitation.

## Officers Elected

The election of officers on Tuesday afternoon saw the popular Mrs. Marion H. Bluitt of Washington returned to her post a Supreme Basileus, and also the re-election of most of the other officers. There was one exception, that of the election of Soror Rosetta Elliott of Chicago as 3rd Anti-Basileus, to fill the position that has been held by Soror Anna L. Davidson of Cincinnati, who after 51 years of faithful service as a teacher in Cincinnati, Ohio, has retired. Under Phi Delta Kappa rules, only active teachers may hold offices in the sorority. Other sorors elected to national offices were as follows:

First, Cleo Daniels, New York; Second, Hellyn Johns, Nashville; Third, Irene Thomas, Indianapolis. Executive Advisor (AME Pastor), Olivia S. Henry, Philadelphia; Executive Director, Kathryn R. Thomas, Washington; Epistoleus, Chester, Md.; Tamiouchos, E. Theresa McIver, Catonsville, Md.; Tamiias, Va-B. Johns, Nashville; Editor, Valeria Rinehart, Chicago; National Program Director, Grace H. Racker, Brooklyn; Eastern Region Director, Addie Holt Johnson, Atlanta; 2nd Anti-Basileus, Mrs. Mayola Senior, Toledo, Ohio; 3rd Anti-Basileus, Mrs. Rosetta Elliott, Chicago; 1st Anti-Basileus, Mrs. Helen A. Maxwell, Brooklyn, N. Y.; 2nd Anti-Basileus, Mrs. Mabel S. Bouldin, Chicago, Ill.; 3rd Anti-Basileus, Mrs. Kathryn R. Thomas, Washington, D. C.; Supreme Grammarian, Mrs. Anna Davidson III, Cincinnati, Ohio; Supreme Epistoleus, Mrs. Lillian Goings Burns, Camden, N. J.; Supreme Tamiouchos, Mrs. E. Theresa McIver, Catonsville, Md.; Supreme Tamiias, Mrs. Valeria E. Rinehart, Chicago; National Publicity Director, Mrs. Mayola Senior, Toledo, Ohio; National Program Director, Mrs. Grace H. Racker, Brooklyn, N. Y.; National Anti-Basileus, Mrs. Marion H. Bluitt, Washington, D. C.



# Dr. Archibald J. Carey, Jr., Captivates Large Audience In Fisk Memorial Chapel Sunday Night, Dec. 28

The introducer of the "Speaker of the hour," admitted that she was not certain whether he was a Republican or Democrat.

The speaker did not "take sides" as far as words were concerned. He arose and asked the congregation to join him in singing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Not a few of those in the large congregation knew history well enough to note that the Battle Hymn of the Republic was the marching song of the Union Soldiers in the Civil War of 90 years ago. Inevitably they concluded that the speaker of the hour was a Republican.

And that he was an IS.

Reference above is to the principal public meeting of the Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, held in Fisk Memorial Chapel on Sunday night, December 22. Mrs. Nan Allison Gordon, Basileus introduced the speaker, who was Dr. Archibald J. Carey, Pastor of Quinn Chapel of Chicago, an Alderman of the Windy City, and a conspicuous campaigner for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in the General's notably victorious campaign for the Presidency this year.

Dr. Carey, was "at his best," as the saying goes. His motive for asking the congregation to join him in singing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" may have been an adroit way to disabuse minds of any belief that there is such a thing as the "National Negro Anthem" as the program inaccurately called James Weldon Johnson's stirring "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Negroes sing the difficult "Star Spangled Banner" and claim it as THEIR National Anthem, because, as Americans, they choose to sing in unison with other Americans the song legalized as the National Anthem of Americans.

But a large majority of Americans say, the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" is a better song than the Star Spangled Banner.

They say it is impossible for other fraternities and sororities to fill Fisk Memorial Chapel for a program. The Phi Delta Kappas did it last Sunday night and it was because of many Nashvilleans wanting to see and hear Archibald J. Carey, Jr. They had heard him on radio and had seen him on television. They

believed he would say in Nashville exactly what he said at the Republican National Convention last July and also on the night of November 3, when he appeared with Gen. "Ike" on a nation-wide radio and television program—a sort of victory program, the theme of which might have been "Lord, we thank thee for what we are about to receive."



DR. ARCHIBALD J. CAREY, JR.  
Nothing "Special" Wanted

Dr. Carey repeated here what he had said before, with regard to the aspirations of the Negro in the United States. "Nothing SPECIAL," said the speaker. "Just what every other American wants, even including the right to run for and be elected President of the United States." The well educated Carey indicated if Republicans wanted to groom him for President, despite the heavy burdens of the office, he was prepared to say right now that he was "in the hands of his friends."

But it was no political speech Dr. Carey delivered. Its principal significance was that it was a Republican espousing equality under law for all Americans, including American Negroes. That, by ever so many colored folk, has been believed a Copyright of Democrats. The subject given Dr. Carey by the sorority was "Education: Democracy's Laboratory." He didn't stick to his text. He gave his hearers a better speech than he possibly could have given had he stuck to the text, which he admitted was not one he would have chosen. He had been told by Mrs. Gordon, he stated, to speak just as he had spoken in his address at the Republican National Convention last July.

## Esau-Jacob Policy

Like many other eminent speak-

ers of these times, Dr. Carey called attention to the fact that "color" is the basis of far too many decisions reached with regard to the basic rights of Americans—colored Americans in particular. Too much of our National Policy, the speaker stated, is deceptive like the scheme by which Jacob procured the birthright of Esau.

The speaker related two stories to illustrate his point. One was how he was able to purchase a home in Chicago in an area where only white persons lived. He made the grade, he stated, with the local real estate firm, which thought Dr. Carey to be a white citizen. But when the matter was taken up with the HOLC, the Federal Agency, it was found these Federal people had a rule against lending money to colored persons for the purchase of homes in "white" neighborhoods and in addition the Federal Agency had checked on Dr. Carey and found out he was colored.

The other story was how he got a ticket for the House Gallery in Washington to hear a speech by President Roosevelt. At the same time a colored lady got a ticket from Congressman Adam C. Powell of New York. In the end, both Dr. Carey and the New York lady were seated side by side in the most remote section of the gallery. He attributed that peculiar coincidence to the fact that Congressman Wm. Dawson of the First District of Illinois and Congressman Powell of the 22nd District of New York are the two colored members of Congress.

## FEPC Wins In Chicago

Dr. Carey's speech was filled with eloquent passages and witty stories. He urged the sorority members to return to their homes and work for the full rights of all Americans including colored Americans. He quoted from the Declaration of Independence, the preamble to the Constitution of the United States and the stirring words in the pledge that is taught American School children.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

What is taught in these documents, Dr. Carey contended, should be ALL that colored Americans should strive for—nothing MORE and nothing LESS.

Fair Employment Practices, Dr. Carey pointed out, has made notable advance in Chicago, through action on the local level. He stated that both the Yellow and Checker Cab Companies of Chicago are seeking and employing colored drivers of their cars.

Dr. Carey is the son of the late Bishop A. J. Carey, who at one time was the presiding Bishop of the 13th Episcopal District of the AME Church in which Tennessee is located. Several of the local AME Ministers were present to hear the dynamic Chicagoan's address.

A lengthy program preceded the address of the speaker. How ever two of the welcome addresses and two of the "Greetings" from local Greek organizations were given. The designation of the office of Mayor of Nashville did not enlist a speech by Mayor Ben West, nor did the designation of the office of Superintendent of City Schools, enlist a speech by Supt. W. A. Bass.

## Prof. Neely Was Ready

It was learned that Prof. M. D. Neely was expected to represent Mr. Bass on the program and bring greetings on behalf of the city schools. Mr. Neely is one of the Supervisors of City Schools. It was not learned why Prof. Neely did not speak. He was present, however. And it was noted, that City Councilman Z. Alexander Looby and Attorney C. L. Ennix were present, however neither, it appeared was on program to "greet" for the City Administration.

Short, but splendid speeches of greeting were made by Dr. Chas. S. Johnson, President of Fisk university; Dr. Walter S. Davis, President of A&I State university; and Dr. Harold D. West, President of Meharry Medical College. Men and women from seven of the nine Greek organizations made excellent talks. Mrs. Carrie R. Hull of the local chapter of the Phi Delta Kappas made the response to the several speeches of greeting.

## Celebrities Honored

Mrs. Addie Holt Johnson, the Southern Regional Director of the Sorority, presented the Supreme Basileus, Mrs. Marion H. Bluit, who presented the citations to "Outstanding Women in Education." These went to Miss Evelyn Boyd, former Teacher at Fisk for achieving the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Yale university; Dr. Virginia Simmons Nyabongo, Foreign Language Expert and Member of the A&ISU faculty, now on leave in Paris, France.

Also Mrs. Charlotte Andrews Stephens, retired teacher of Little Rock, Ark. First colored teacher who had served for 70 years and for whom a school has been named. She is now 91. Miss Edna Thomas former teacher of Mober Cab Companies of Chicago are in the office of the Mayor of Philadelphia.

The Citation "Woman of the Year" was awarded to Miss Mary Elizabeth Vroman, a teacher and author of Montgomery, Ala., who scored a big hit with an article "See How They Run" which appeared in the Ladies Home Journal and for which Miss Vroman received Two Thousand Dollars.

Mrs. Mattie Copeland Flowers, Director of Music at Haynes High School presided with skill and dignity at the organ during the rendition of the program. The invocation was given by Dr. T. M. Brumfield. The Estralita Chorus, a fine singing group of Nashville, and directed by Miss Beatrice Harris of Washington Junior High School, and Rev. Jerome I. Wright, rendered splendid vocal numbers.

Mrs. Maggie Parrish the Ant-Basileus, of the local chapter, served as Mistress of Ceremonies during the rendition of the program.



# Sigma Gamma Rho Honor 4

CLEVELAND, Ohio (ANP)—  
Four persons were honored by  
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority dur-  
ing its annual convention held  
here recently. They were:

Edna Douglas, Little Rock,  
Ark., who received the Blance  
Edwards award; Beatrice Fox,  
Cleveland, received a pin and  
also a check for \$50 for her work  
with the joint convention com-  
mittee; Carrie Quanders, Char-  
lotte, N.C., received a scholar-  
ship to study music in Heidel-  
berg, Germany, and Lenora  
Yancey, received a pin.

Sigma Gamma Rho's next con-  
fab will be held during August,  
1954, in Memphis, Tenn.

Officers of the sorority in-  
clude: Sallie N. Edwards, presi-  
dent; Los Angeles; Edna M.  
Douglas, Little Rock, Ark. and  
Beatrice M. Fox, Cleveland, vice  
presidents, and Henri M. Wool-  
ridge, Gary, Ind., historian.



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"Securing Civil Liberties in a Free World," was the theme of the meeting which had three founders of the sorority in attendance. They were Arizona Stemons of Philadelphia, chairman of the executive board; Myrtle T. Faithful and Pearl A. Neal.

The new honorary member, Mrs. Sampson, the noted UN alternate delegate, received a pin, a certificate and a silver dish at the sorority's banquet at which she was the principal speaker.

**Three Others Cited**

Other noted Zetas at the banquet who received acclamation, included Jeannette Glover of Cleveland, who received a citation as basileus before retiring because of ill health; Ruby Scott, who received a citation for her years of service to the sorority, and Phyllis Hammond, another Cleveland.

Officers of the organization include:

Dr. Nancy B. Woolridge, president, Hampton, Va.; Velma Bunch, Norfolk, Va.; Marion Baker, New Orleans and Versia Lindsey, Waco, Texas, all vice presidents; Periditha Venable, Detroit, secretary, and Susie E. Miles, Washington, treasurer.

**Tulsa Zetas Honor Woman Who Helped Negroes Enter Tulsa U.**

By FLOSSIE THOMPSON

**TULSA, Okla.** — (ANP) — Alpha Iota Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta sorority presented the Woman of the Year award to Mrs. Anita Hairston, who pioneered in opening the doors of Tulsa university, a private school, to Negroes.

In presenting the award, the basileus, Mrs. Essie Long, told the recipient:

"Your courageous and selfless contribution to this rise of a race has definitely numbered you as one among the noble caravan that has irresistibly moved toward a brighter day when the walls or partitions which stem from race, creed or color prejudice shall be forever removed."

Mrs. Long told the audience of Mrs. Hairston's persistent work in the field of human relations.

Before receiving her master's degree from Tulsa university last summer, Mrs. Hairston had to attend classes at Carver Junior high school where professors from T. U., taught Negro students.

Mrs. Hairston had to guarantee eight students for a class before it could be offered. Exceptions were made so that she could take two classes needed for graduation.

Many Negro citizens felt that Mrs. Hairston and other Negroes who attended the segregated Tulsa university set-up were really perpetuating jim-crow by their attendance.

Realizing that Tulsa university was not a state school and therefore did not come under Supreme court decisions, Mrs. Hairston helped gain entrance to this school in spite of harsh criticism

for her efforts.

The transition of Negro students to the main campus at Tulsa university was done quietly without public announcement or press notices.

**Name Louisville Teacher 'Teacher Of The Year'**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** — Mrs. Maude Brown Porter, assistant principal of Central High school, will be honored as "Woman Of The Year" by the Eta Zeta chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority.

Mrs. Porter will be cited in a public program and reception Sunday, March 1, at 4 p.m., in the auditorium of Central High school.

She is the wife of Bishop H. P. Porter of the 3rd Episcopal district of the CME church which includes the states of Texas and Kentucky.

Mrs. Porter's presentation to the community is part of an annual observance to bring before Louisvillians a person who exemplifies the basic traits of finer womanhood, character, moral fortitude, graciousness, dignity, efficiency and Christian fellowship.

Born in Mt. Vernon, Ill., Zeta's honoree moved with her family to Louisville at an early age and entered the public schools of the city. Graduating from Central High school, she entered Howard university from which school she was graduated with high honors.

She received the master's degree from Western Reserve university of Cleveland, Ohio. Beginning as a teacher in the elementary schools of the city, she was transferred to the Central High school where she taught Latin and English.

In November 1945, Mrs. Porter was appointed assistant principal of Central.

The recipient of the finer womanhood honor is active in numerous civic and religious groups. She is a member of the Louisville Urban League board; the Louisville Pan-Hellenic council; is 2nd vice-president, Kentucky Council of Church women and member of the National Association of Col-



MRS. PORTER

lege Women.

Mrs. Porter is a past supreme basileus of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority . . . and is also a past vice-president of the Louisville Council of Church Women.

**Zetas Announce New Appointments**

**TUSKEGEE, Ala.** — Zeta Phi Beta Sorority has announced the appointment of a new publicity director, Jewel Handy Gresham, of Tuskegee Institute, Ala. The new appointee replaces Lou Swartz Lutour of the Hotel Theresa in New York City who has relinquished the post for radio work in New York City.

Mrs. Gresham is a graduate of Tuskegee Institute and has done advanced study at Columbia University. She is a young writer with several published pieces to her credit. At present she is employed as secretary of the

department of Internal Medicine at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Tuskegee.

Dr. Nancy B. Woolridge of Hampton Institute's Department of English is Grand Basileus of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Other appointments announced are those of Regional Directors Ber-

nice Henry of East Beckley, W. Va.; Annie Jordan, Columbus, Ohio; Lucile Nelson, St. Louis, Mo.; Mildred Conyers, Los Angeles, Calif.; Associate Directors Naomi Williams, Berkeley, Calif.; Matella Maree, Savannah, Ga.; Clela Saunders, Kansas City, Kan.; Willa McCreary, Omaha, Neb.; Claiborne Carter, Spartanburg, S. C.; Sallye Coleman, Roanoke, Va., and Director of La Cheerle Project, Zipporah Medford, Richmond, Va.

**Tuskegee Graduate National Sorority Publicity Director**

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Recently, reports of some of her published articles have been featured in The Tuskegee Herald.

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**YOUTH BENEFACTORS**—Two prominent Brooklynites (center), Mrs. Thomas G. Evans and the Rev. Milton A. Galamison, were honored by the members of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority from seven east coast states for their "major contributions to human relations, achieving a better world for youth." The special scrolls were presented to the honorees by Dr. Deborah Partridge (right), a soror and teacher at New York University, at the public meeting of the sorority's Atlantic regional conference in Brooklyn as the regional director, Soror Evelyn B. Hunt (left), of New Rochelle, looks on.

## Zeta Phi Beta sorors honor Mrs. Evans, Rev. Galamison

**BROOKLYN**—Members of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority from seven east coast states joined Friday night in honoring two prominent Brooklynites for their "major contributions to human relations." The occasion was the public meeting of the sorority's Atlantic Regional Conference at Siloam Presbyterian church, Marcy and Jefferson avenues, Brooklyn. The special honorees were Mrs. Thomas G. Evans, member of King's County Council of the State Commission Against Discrimination and former director of Brooklyn's National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the Rev. Milton A. Galamison, pastor of Siloam Presbyterian church and feature clergyman on the Dumont TV network's popular morning Chapel program. Presentation of the special scrolls was made by Dr. Deborah Partridge, a soror and professor at New York university.

She has long been prominent in Brooklyn and the nation. She is a former president of the National Council of Women of the USA; past president of the New York Branch of the American University Women and currently member of the Board of the Women's Medical College of Philadelphia.

The three-day conference was under the direction of Soror Evelyn Hunt of New Rochelle, the Atlantic regional director. Presiding at the Friday night meeting was Soror Louise Batson of Brooklyn, general chairman of the conference's local hostess committee. Host chapters were Beta Omicron, Soror O'Neal, basileus, and Delta Alpha Zeta, Soror Edith Bowen, basileus.

A crowd of several hundred heard Benjamin I. Coleman of the New York State Department of Social Welfare, guest speaker, urge a "modern approach to vital problems of our youth." Expressing his preference for the term "child who rebels" rather than a "delinquent," Mr. Coleman stressed preventive action rather than cure as the answer.

The Rev. Mr. Galamison, who was cited for his "unselfish efforts and guidance toward character building in youth and community activities is chairman of the Board of the Stuyvesant Community Center, member of the Protestant Welfare Agency's Advisory Committee on Youth and advisor to the Geneva Fellowship of the Brooklyn Nassay Presbytery.

Mrs. Evans was singled out for the sorority honor because of her "ever readiness to help her fellowman, regardless of racial or religious origin and for her guidance toward achievement of a better world for